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Andrew Johnson, junior, enjoys a *Summer* day as he performs at the International Thepian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Photo By Marcus Stanley

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German exchange students Anja Schumacher, Nicole Kranert and host Junior Victoria Lomas play in the *Fall* leaves at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Photo By Amy Carr

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Senior Shannon Heffernan and Junior Anna Mannino sample the water for an environmental club project during a crisp *Winter* day at Indian Creek. **74**

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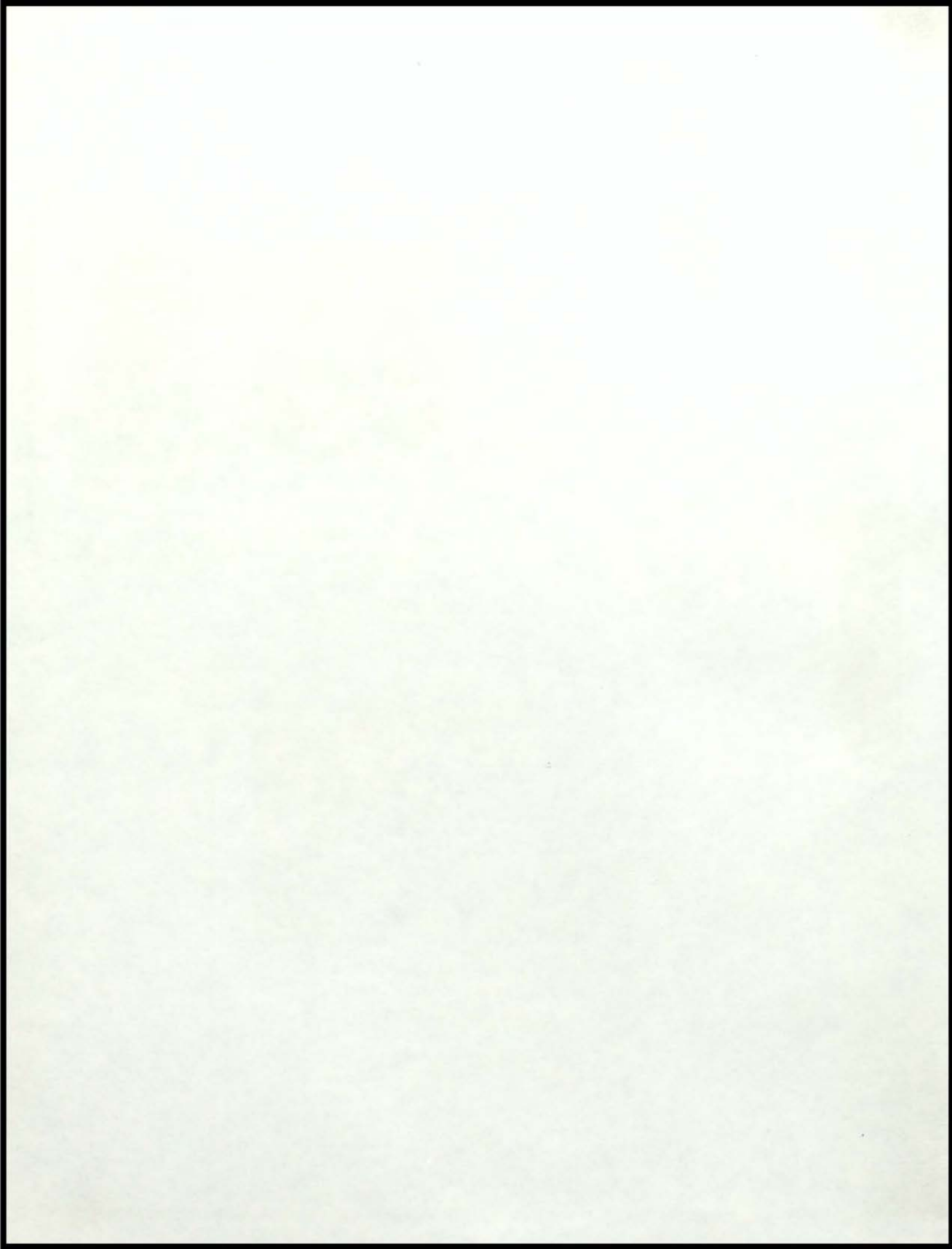


Joanna Doria and Amber Gilliland enjoy a swing in the warm *Spring* weather at during a Journalism party at Sponsor Kathy Yates' home in Buckner. **112**

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To Every Season . . .



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To Every Season...

**To Everything (Turn, Turn, Turn)
There is a season (Turn, Turn, Turn)
And a time for every purpose, under Heaven**

SENIORS RENEE' BETTS, GINA SOLDI, CARRIE HOWARD, MORGAN RIDGEWAY AND AMY JOHNSON REJOICE AFTER THEIR SENIOR PERFORMANCE AT THE DANCE LINE SPRING SHOW. THE SPRING SHOW WAS A NEW ADDITION TO THE DANCE LINES CALENDAR AND PROVED TO BE A PERMANENT PLACE FOR MEMBERS TO SHOW OFF THEIR YEAR'S WORK.

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**A time to be born,
A time to die,
A time to plant,
A time to reap,
A time to kill,
A time to heal,**



**A time to be laugh,
A time to weep,
A time to break down,
A time to build up,
A time to dance,
A time to mourn,
A time to cast away stones,
A time to gather stones together,**



JUNIORS AMY CARR AND JESSICA CRAMP WAVE FROM THE PLAYERS 58 HOMECOMING FLOAT AS THEY PASS BY A CROWD OF SCREAMING CHS STUDENTS. PLAYERS 58 CAME OUT OF THE FLOAT COMPETITION WITH A FIRST-PLACE AWARD FOR THE SECOND YEAR STRAIGHT.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLAND

SENIOR SARRA RAJA SETS ASIDE HER PRIDE FOR THE GOOD OF THE SENIOR CLASS. ON THE DAY OF THE SENIOR AUCTION, MANY SENIORS PUT THEMSELVES ON THE LINE TO RAISE MONEY FOR PROJECT GRADUATION. THIS PROVED TO BE A VERY HUMILIATING EXPERIENCE FOR SOME SENIORS.

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**A time of love,
A time of hate,
A time of war,
A time of peace,
A time you may embrace,
A time to refrain from embracing
A time to gain,
A time to lose
A time to rend,
A time to sew,**



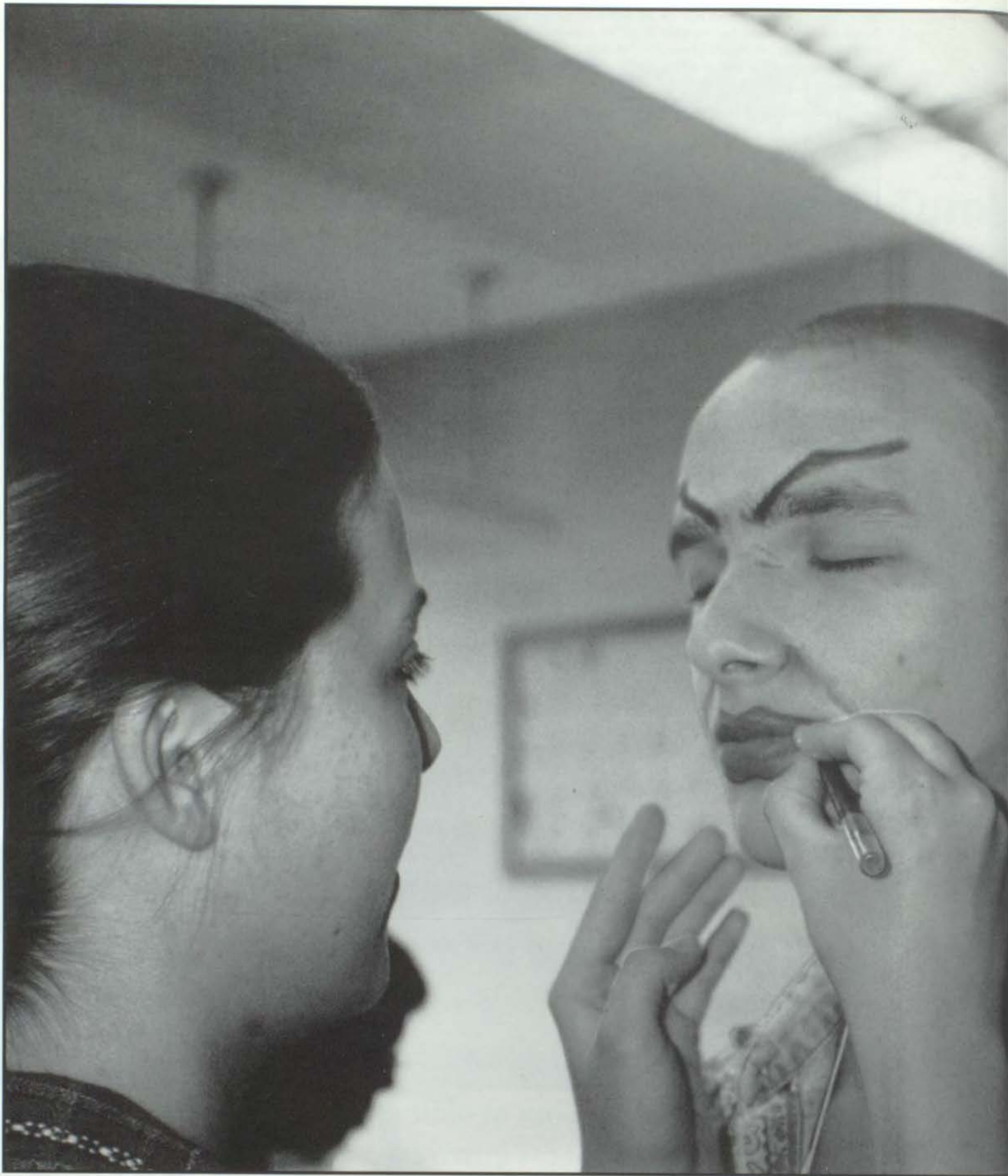
SENIOR DALLAS HULL WORKS DILIGENTLY ON HIS PROJECT IN CERAMICS CLASS. SOMETIMES PROJECTS TOOK STUDENTS DAYS OR EVEN WEEKS TO COMPLETE, DEPENDING ON THE ASSIGNMENT AND THE IMAGINATION OF THE STUDENT.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

**A time to love,
A time to hate
A time for peace,
I swear it's not too late...**

Turn...


Book of Ecclesiastes • King James Version
Music By Pete Seeger



*Layout By Renee Betts
and Amy Carr*

Senior Erin Andersen carefully applies make-up to Freshman Mark Quinlin. Quinlin attended the first-ever Junior Arts Academy hosted by Players 58. Andersen, a veteran Players member, helped teach basic theater techniques to entering eighth graders and in-coming freshmen.

Photo By Amy Carr

 *Summer Divider*

a time to live



Senior Rashawnda Walker is lifted in mid-cheer by fellow varsity cheerleaders Senior Morgan Ridgeway and Junior Amanda Corbin. The cheerleaders often showed off their best displays of school pride and spirit at pep assemblies.

Photo By Amber Gilliland



Sophomore Andrew Barth and Freshman Ryan Raccuglia intently watch the Center soccer game against Raytown South. Underclassmen were a constant supporter of the varsity team.

Photo By Fatima Gonzalez



Seniors Fatima Gonzalez, Ananda Baucom, Gina Soldi, Amy Mitchell and Maria Romero visit the city of Maracaibo in Venezuela. Gonzalez and Romero were both natives of the country and made annual trips to visit family. According to Gonzalez, friends were always fun to have along when taking a big trip. Photo Donated By Fatima Gonzalez

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SALLY AARONSON
 JESSICA ACCORD
 JEREMY ANDERSON
 CHRIS BAKER
 ASANA BAUCOM
 TERRELL BELL
 CHRIS BELLANTE

DANIEL BESSENBACHER
 BEN BLACKMAN
 SHANELA BLACKWELL
 JAMES BRIDGEFORD
 ANGELA BRIONES
 CHRIS BROCK
 VICTOR BROWN

MINDY BROWN
 ANDREW BULLARD
 RACHEL BUNDY
 CATHERINE BUREK
 RYAN BURKE
 JESSICA BURD
 YA TONDA BUTLER

RYAN CAMPBELL
 ADAM CANTRELL
 VICKEY CARPENTER
 RORI CARTER-HALL
 LAUREN CASTLE
 NICK CASTILLO
 ALLISON CATON

DANNY CHAPUT
 YU CHEN
 ANDY CONARD
 DUVELLE COOK
 CORETT CUNNINGHAM
 ERNEST CURRY
 LATOYA DAVIS



WHAT WAS YOUR BIGGEST ADJUSTMENT AS A FRESHMAN ?



ROXANNE ROUSE

"HAVING MORE HOME-
 WORK TO DO IN ONE
 NIGHT!"



DAVID WASHINGTON

"HAVING SEVEN CLASSES
 INSTEAD OF FOUR"



BEN BLACKMON

"THERE'S MORE HOME-
 WORK!"



MARK MULMORE

"HAVING CO-ED P.E.
 CLASSES!"



STUDYING OTHER CULTURES

ANDREA GIEDINGHAGEN, FRESHMAN, WORKS ON HER ASSIGNMENT FOR GERMAN CLASS. MOST COLLEGES REQUIRED TWO YEARS, BUT PREFERRED FOUR YEARS, OF FOREIGN-LANGUAGE STUDY.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

What 2 Words Describe You Best?

BRIAN
WELLINGTON
Big
&
Small

KAROLINA
KUBICZ
Fun
Chick

CHARLES
CLARK
Funny
&
Freaky

ROSE
VAUGHT
Wild
Child

PAUL
JOHN
Crazy
Monkey

A TIME for changes and adjustments Freshmen learn the ropes



PLAYING HARD

FRESHMAN MICHAEL GUERRA STRUGGLES TO MAKE IT TO CLASS ON TIME. GUERRA INJURED HIMSELF PLAYING FOOTBALL, WHICH MADE MANEUVERING THROUGH CROWDED HALLWAYS QUITE A CHALLENGE.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

WORKING TOGETHER

FRESHMEN RAMSEY LEWIS AND RACHEL BUNDY WORK ON A PROJECT FOR SHOP CLASS. IN THIS HANDS-ON CLASS, STUDENTS LEARNED TO USE TOOLS LIKE THE BUCK SAW.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



FRESH-FACED Freshmen... Lookin' for fun

BUZZ WORK

ISAIAH MAJIED WORKS IN SHOP CLASS AS A FELLOW STUDENT OBSERVES. SHOP TAUGHT TECHNIQUES FOR BUILDING, AS WELL AS SAFETY PROCEDURES.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



CLEAN SCENE

MARK QUINLIN WORKS TO SWEEP THE STAGE AT THE END OF A STAGE CREW MEETING. TO BE SAFE, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO CLEAN UP AFTER BUILDING THE SET, SO THE ACTORS WOULD NOT HURT THEMSELVES.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



FEELIN' THE BURN

BRIAN WELLINGTON STRETCHES BEFORE A SOCCER GAME. WELLINGTON, LIKE MANY FRESHMEN, WAS A 'SWITCHER' FOR BOTH THE VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY TEAMS.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

TOP 10

SCARY THINGS ABOUT GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL

10. The size
9. Fitting in with peers
8. Getting too many punches on the tardy card
7. Getting poor good grades
6. Upperclassmen
5. Falling down the stairs while wearing a turquoise hat and landing on an overweight Doberman Pincher.
4. The concept of "Freshman Day"
3. Embarrassing yourself
2. Teachers
1. FOOD!!!

A TIME TO BE SCARED ...



NO FEAR!

"I WANDERED IN TO CLASS REALLY LATE ON THE FIRST DAY, AND THE TEACHER WAS GLARING AT ME LIKE SHE THOUGHT I WAS EVIL OR SOMETHING."

ANDREA GIEDINGHAGEN



DON'T TRIP!

"I SAW A GUY FALL DOWN THE STAIRS AND BREAK HIS COLLAR BONE."

TRAMEL THOMPSON



SEAT'S TAKEN!

"I WAS TOLD I COULDN'T SIT DOWN AT MY SEAT, BECAUSE I WAS A FRESHMAN. I WAS REALLY UPSET."

KALA RAGLIN



SCARY UPPERCLASSMEN

"I THINK RYAN KULKE IS SCARY."

ALEX ISOM



JACKESHA DAVIS
DAMON DENSON
LAURA DOARN
JAMIE DODSON
ELAINA DOVE
PAUL DUNCAN
EDWIN DUNSON

VICTORIA ELLIS
KENDRICK EMERY
SCOTT FAHRMEIER
LIZ FLENKER
JENNIFER FLETCHER
MICHAEL FLORES
DANIEL FORSON

DANESHA FRANKLIN
STEPHANIE FRAZIER
GREG GARROSON
MATT GATEWOOD
ANDREA GIEDINGHAGEN
JAMIE GIFFEN
DORIAN GIST

ANTHONY GOODEN
COREY GRAY
DARYL GRAYER
MICHAEL GROVES
JENNIFER GUENTHER
AAMIR HAFIZ-THOMPSON
LUKE HALL

CHRIS HAMEL
LAUREN HAMILTON
JAMIE HARRIS
TIFFANY HARRIS
RASHAD HENDERSON
ARICA HENDERSON
RICHARD HILL

DECISIONS , DECISIONS ...

...choir, soccer, pollinators, drama, players 58, marching band, sga, young life, cheerleading, football, key club, volleyball... Freshmen had many choices, which made deciding on activities difficult.

"I'll attend football games, because most of my band friends are there."

Anne Giedinghagen

"I'll be involved in soccer and Young Life."

Brian Wellington

"I'd like to become involved in drama. It seems interesting."

Stephanie Huber

"I want to be a Pollinator, because they look like fun guys."

Scott Fahrmeier



DOIN' A LITTLE DANCE...

FRESHMEN MICHAEL FLORES, RICIE HILL AND JUNIOR MARK ROYER PROVIDE HALFTIME ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE CROWD AT A HOME VARSITY SOCCER GAME. THE JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER PLAYERS OFTEN FOUND THEMSELVES ENTERTAINING OTHERS TO KEEP BUSY WHILE THEY WAITED THEIR TURN TO PLAY.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

LESLIE HOGAN
MUCEDAS HOOKS
ALMETA KOSKINS
BRANDI HOWARD
COURTNEY HOWARD
STEPHANIE HUBER
NORISSA HUGHES

LAUREN IRVING
ALEX ISOM
ANDREA ISOM
SHERRI JAMES
JENNIFER JANTZ
PAUL JOHN
TAMMY JOHNSON

SHANTOYIO JONES
MONIQUE JONES
NICOLE JONES
RICHARD JURADO
PATRICK KEENEY
MIKE KELLEPOURIS
MUHAMMED KHALIFAH

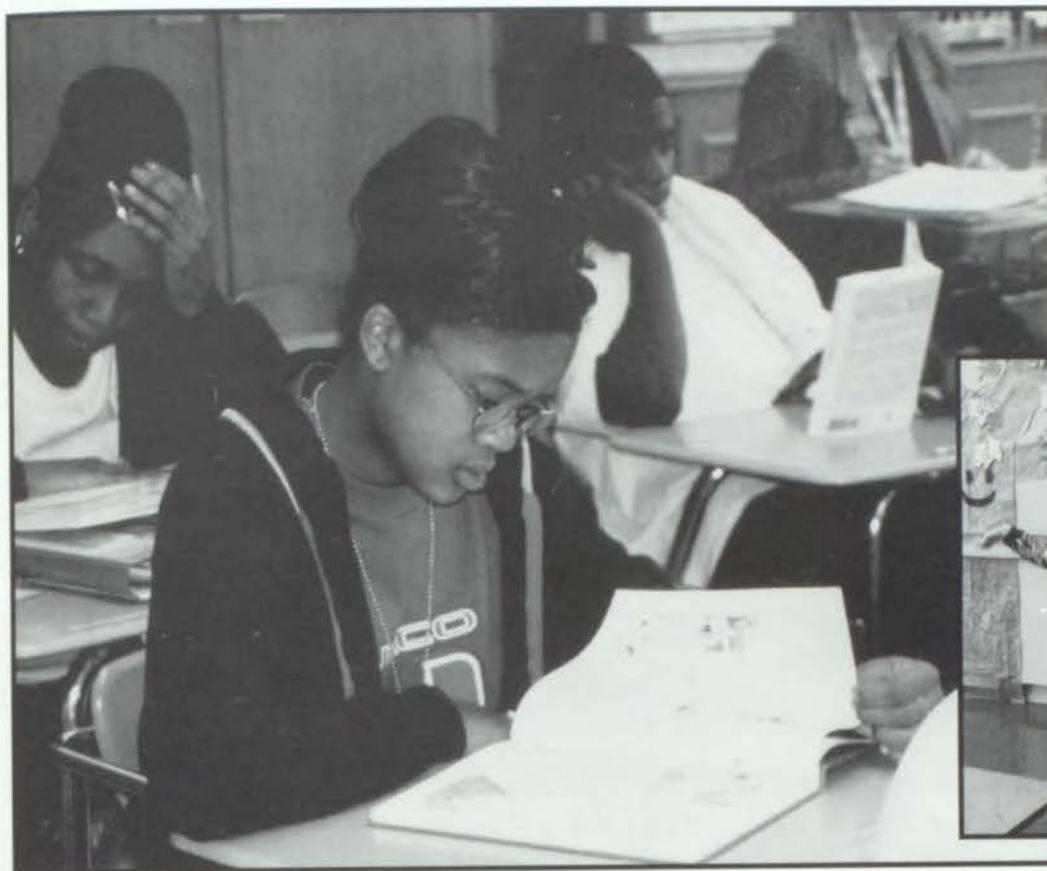
NANCY KNICKERBOCKER
KAROLINE KUBICZ
AMY LONG
IRENE KYLE
RAMSEY LEWIS
DAVID LEWIS
SARA MACGREGORY

ISAIAH MAJIEA
BERTA MALDONADO
LAYLA MANLEY
JILL MCCALMAN
KELIA MC DONALD
CHRIS McMURRAY
COLE MELLEBRUCH



Cool

Freshmen do what it takes to fit in To be cool or not to be cool



BRAINS!

WHILE READING HER BOOK, SHANICE RILEY APPEARS TO BE DEEP IN THOUGHT. STUDENTS FOUND THEMSELVES READING MATERIAL THEY NORMALLY WOULD NOT, IN ORDER TO GET THE GOOD GRADES THEY SO MUCH DESIRED.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



SING IT BABY!

WHILE SINGING AND DANCING TO "I'M A LITTLE TEA POT", COURTNEY HOWARD ENTERTAINS AN AUDIENCE AT LUNCH. HOWARD WAS SUBJECT TO HUMILIATION AFTER LOSING A BET WITH ANOTHER STUDENT. ON THE DAY CHOSEN BY THE WINNER, HOWARD HAD TO BE DRESS AND ACT HOWEVER SHE WAS TOLD.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

Do you hang with under or upperclassmen?



WHO DO YOU LOVE?

"Upperclassmen, seniors rock!"

Lauren Hamilton



I KNOW YOU!

"Freshmen, 'cuz I know them."

David Worts



I'M SO COOL!

"Both, because I play soccer and I have the hookups with the upperclassmen."

Ryan Raccuglia



•SMACK!!•

"I hang around with varsity football players, but you gotta kiss up to them, especially in the locker rooms, or you'll get the beat down."

Rashad Henderson

LEARNING through new experiences Freshmen grow up

WRESTLEMANIA

FRESHMAN SCOTT FAHRMEIER AND SENIOR JEFF PEAK, WRESTLE AROUND DURING LUNCH SHIFTS AFTER FAHRMEIER TRIED TO STEAL PEAK'S FOOD. "IT'S COOL HOW PEAK TALKS TO ME AS A FRIEND, NOT AS A LOWLY FRESHMAN."

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

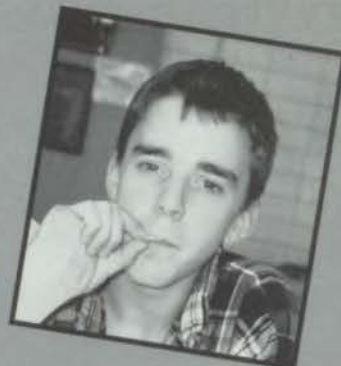


HITTIN' THE BOOKS

FRESHMAN VICKI ELLIS USES HER LUNCH PERIOD TO CATCH UP ON HER BURDENSOME HOMEWORK. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP UP WITH HOMEWORK, AS IT IS A VALUABLE TEACHING TOOL AND STUDY TECHNIQUE.

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How SMART ARE YOU? THE BIG QUESTION



After thirty years of Thatcherism, the liberals gained control of the British parliament. What effect will this have on the English common market?

CLUELESS

"WHAT? I DON'T KNOW!"

LAUREN IRVING

AVOIDING THE QUESTION

"OH MY GOSH! WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT FOR A YEARBOOK?"

JENNIFER FLETCHER

BRITISH BULLDOG

"I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THATCHERISM IS."

ANDRE WILLIS

ANSWER MAN

"SOMETHING ABOUT TEA."

ALEX WEAVER



LEARNING THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE

FRESHMAN ROSE VAUGHT OBTAINS SOME FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE ON HOW TO APPLY STAGE MAKEUP FROM SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST, WENDY CASHEN. VAUGHT ATTENDED THE JUNIOR ARTS ACADEMY, THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2-5, WHICH ALLOWED INCOMING EIGHTH AND NINTH GRADERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEATER.

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JENNIFER MERRINER
 OTIS MIKLE
 JENNA MILLAR
 TIFFAMY MOORE
 CHRIS MOSBY
 ALEX MOSS
 MARK MULMORE

CRYSTAL NEWELL
 ERIN OSBORNE
 JASMIN PAYNE
 VIRGINIA PEGELOW
 ADAM PEISTER
 ANDREA PENELOZA
 HEATHER PINNINGTON

CURTIS PERKINS
 MARK QUINLIN
 RYAN RACCUGLIA
 KALA RAGLIN
 CATHERINE RAMIREZ
 CRISTIAN RANDLE
 KEITH REDICK

ERICK RHOADES
 PAUL RHODES
 SHAWNA RICKETS
 SHANISE RILEY
 TEASHA RITTER
 TAMERA RITTER
 DANIEL ROBINSON

JACKIE ROBINSON
 GRAHAM ROSS
 JOSH ROSS
 ROXANNE ROUSE
 DONNELL RUCKER
 CHRIS SAAD
 AMANDA SCOTT

NEW Through air, land, and water People, different places

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Many students went to various areas over the summer, to relax and learn. Places of interest among students were Venezuela, Alaska and Chicago. Sophomore Neil Solomon went to Cooperstown, New York for George Brett's inauguration into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Soloman said, "I'm a big George Brett fan."

Lots of students went on vacation to meet family such as Junior Aishah Augusta who went to see relatives in Chicago. Although Augusta went to Chicago to see family, her favorite time in Chicago was when she went on the Judge Mathis Show.

Even though they're fun, vacations do have a downside.

Richie Hill, freshman, did not like having to deal with directions and not knowing anyone when traveling.

Junior Brandon Brennan said the worst part about vacations was "the last day of your vacation when you don't want to go home."



THE FAMILY AND THEIR DOGS

DALLAS HULL, SENIOR, AND BROTHER SHANE, JUNIOR, VACATION WITH THE FAMILY PETS IN WASILLA, ALASKA. HULLS FAMILY WENT TO ALASKA FOR MOST OF THE SUMMER BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE HE WAS BORN AND HE HAS FAMILY THERE.

PHOTO DONATED BY DALLAS HULL

Where in the world would you go?



JUNIOR DESTINY WATKINS

"HAWAII, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT HAWAII IS NOT ONLY PARADISE, BUT IT IS A VERY ROMANTIC STATE."



FRESHMAN BRIAN WELLINGTON

"I WOULD GO TO CANCUN FOR SPRING BREAK."



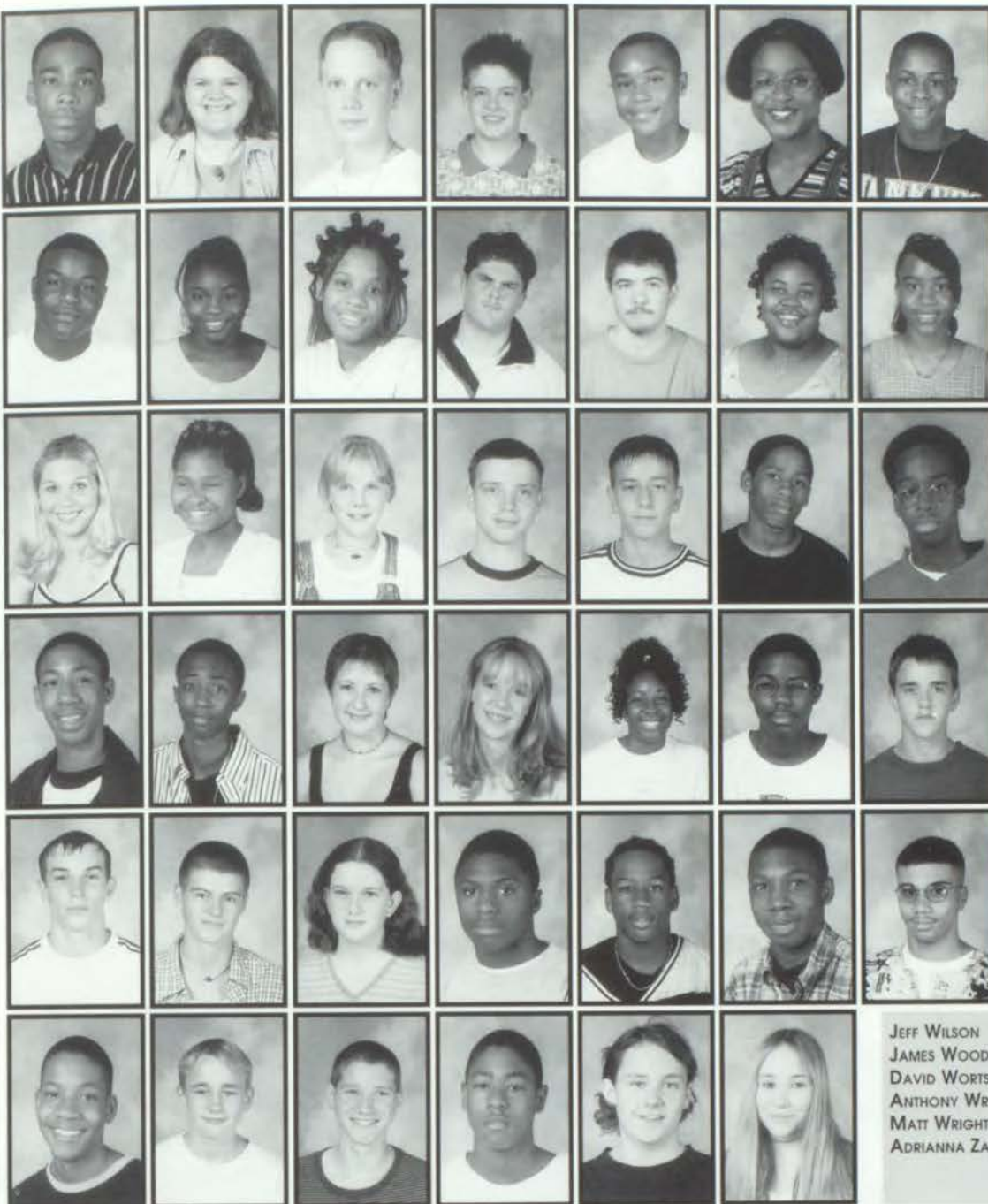
SOPHOMORE NEIL SOLOMON

"AMSTERDAM, BECAUSE EVERYTHING'S LEGAL - EVERYTHING."



JUNIOR LOGAN GILLESPIE

"I'D GO TO CALIFORNIA BECAUSE IT'S TOO TIGHT IN CALIFORNIA."



TRAVIS SCRUGGS
 BETHANY SEIGLER
 JEREMY SHOEMAKER
 JOSEY SHORT
 JAMAAL SHUMATE
 CHIOCITA SINGLETON
 DEAUNTE SMITH

KEYREN SPILLER
 KEYA SPILLER
 LA TREASE STARR
 DANIEL STEVENS
 PAUL STOKEY
 DANIELLE STRICKLAND
 STACIA STRICKLIN

SARAH SUAREZ
 TIFFANY SUBLETT
 ALYSSA SWARD
 RYAN SWOPE
 JAMES THIBODEAU
 LARRY THOMPSON
 VICTOR THOMAS

TRAMEAL THOMPSON
 LYNN TUCKER
 ROSE VAUGHT
 CHRISTY VIETH
 TANICA WALLACE
 DAVIS WASHINGTON
 ALEX WEAVER

DAN WEDLOCK
 BRIAN WELLINGTON
 RACHEL WIELERT
 JAMAAL WILEY
 TERANCE WILLIAMS
 WILLIE WILLIAMS
 ANDRE WILLIS

JEFF WILSON
 JAMES WOODLING
 DAVID WORTS
 ANTHONY WRIGHT
 MATT WRIGHT
 ADRIANNA ZACHARY

THE CASTAWAY GANG

JUNIORS DARCY NORD, AUBREE YIESLEY, MELISSA EBBERTS, KERRI KNOX, AMANDA CORBIN, SARA PARK AND JOANNA GITTERMAN STRIKE A POSE AT CASTAWAY CLUB IN MINNESOTA WITH THEIR YOUNG LIFE LEADER, RACHEL SYLVESTER. MEMBERS OF YOUNG LIFE TRAVELED TO CASTAWAY IN DETROIT LAKES, MINNESOTA TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND HAVE FUN.

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Brand New Teachers Teach New Traditions Spankin' New Ideas

BEVERLY ANKARLO- MATH
REGINA ALLEN- AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNOLOGY
ANN ARISTIMUNO- SPANISH
DONNA BANAKA- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
CLAUDETTE BARTLE- GERMAN
KAMELA BATES- DRAMA

EILEEN BERGMAN - CURRICULUM DEVMT.
SUE BLEW- SPECIAL EDUCATION
MARK BROWN- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
ANN BUTLER- SPECIAL EDUCATION
MAGGIE CALCARA- LIBRARIAN
MARTHA CAPEHART - BOARD SECRETARY

JACKIE CARR- SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
KATHY CHIRPICH-GIFTED ED./LANG ARTS
SHARON COLEMAN-LIBRARY AIDE
PAUL COLWELL- SCIENCE
KATIE COX- LANG. ARTS/ DEBATE



WHY DID YOU TURN TO CENTER ?



EARNESTINE MILES
SPECIAL ED.

"I HAVE BEEN TEACHING FOR 30 YEARS AND LAST YEAR I DECIDED I WANTED A CHANGE. I HAD ALWAYS HEARD GREAT THINGS ABOUT CENTER, SO I DECIDED TO COME HERE."



JOSEPH HAMM
CHOIR

"I CHOSE CENTER BECAUSE I LIKE THE CHALLENGE OF HELPING TO BUILD A CHORAL PROGRAM. I LIKE THE SCHOOL AND I LIKE THE DIVERSITY OF THE POPULATION."



KATIE COX
SPEECH / DEBATE

"I DECIDED TO COME TO CENTER BECAUSE I LIKE A SMALL DISTRICT. THERE IS A LOT OF SUPPORT WITHIN THE STAFF AND A GOOD LEVEL OF COMMITMENT."



PAUL COLWELL
SCIENCE

"THE MAIN REASON I CAME TO CENTER WAS BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE. CENTER WAS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WERE HONEST AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD."



PAULA CROW - PRINCIPAL'S SECRETARY
 TOM CREAMER - ART
 DANA DAWSON - MATH
 KIM DILLARD - SECRETARY
 CAROL DOUGLAS - LANGUAGE ARTS
 CHUCK DUSKE - HISTORY
 JAN EDWARDS - COUNSELOR'S SECRETARY

CINDY EUBANK - SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE
 JAN EVANS - FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE
 ROBERT FINGER - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
 JOHNNA FRAISE - HISTORY
 JIM FORD - STUDENT SERVICES
 ED FRITZ - PHYSICAL EDUCATION
 TIM GREENWELL - ASSISTANT BAND DIRECTOR

BOB GRIFFEY - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
 KAREN GROVER - YOUTH FRIENDS COORD.
 JOSEPH HAMM - CHORAL DIRECTOR
 TERRI HARDY - MATH
 BETH HEIDE - HISTORY
 AMY HEIDEMAN - SPECIAL EDUCATION
 CONNIE HOSTETLER - COUNSELOR, A+

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 KATHIE JAMES - COUNSELOR
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GREG LANG - MATH
 JAMES LEHNER - SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE
 DAVID LEONE - PERSONNEL DIRECTOR
 KATHY LORD - SPECIAL EDUCATION
 ANN MCCOY - SCIENCE
 PAT MILLER - SYSTEMS MANAGER
 TRICIA MILLER - SPECIAL EDUCATION



GROOVY BABY!

FLOWER CHILD KATHY YATES AND HIPPIES KATIE COX AND ANNA BUTLER SHOW THEIR SCHOOL SPIRIT BY PARTICIPATING IN THE STAFF FLOAT. SPORTING A TIE-DIED SHIRTS AND DOUBLE-KNIT PANTS SUITS, THESE TEACHERS TOOK A NOSTALGIC TRIP TO THEIR CLOSETS AND RE-INTRODUCE THE CLOTHING OF THEIR YOUTH.

Good, Bad and Ugly

Homecoming floats are sometimes good, sometimes bad, but almost always fun.

TIM GREENWELL

"I think the best thing is that it builds unity. It also helps us show support for student activities like homecoming."

TERRI HARDY

"The best thing is that it heightens the competition between groups, and I'm sure students would enjoy beating the teachers."

JAN EVANS

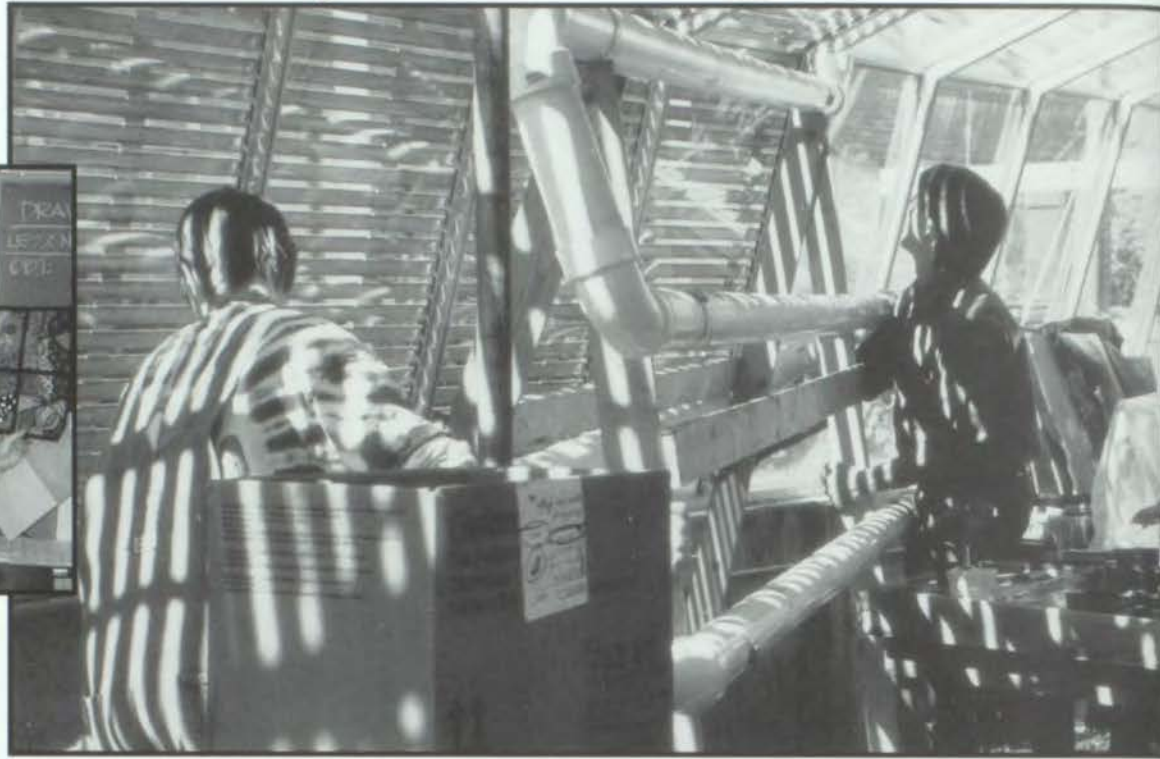
"The best thing is the comradery amongst the teachers and the competition between the teachers and the students for Spring Fling."

MARIA JONAS

"I think the best thing is the fun we have just meeting and getting together outside of school. It brings unity to our staff."

Humiliated Red in the face not caused by makeup stop looking at me!

WORKING IN THE GREENHOUSE HORTICULTURE TEACHER KEN SNELL AND SENIOR PAT SUCKIEL MOVE EQUIPMENT AROUND TO MAKE MORE ROOM.
PHOTO BY MEGAN RUSSELL



ART TEACHER CORNIEWOODS OBSERVES SOPHOMORE SHANNON DRUMMOND'S ART WORK. FINISHED WORK ALWAYS RESULTED IN A GOOD GRADE.
PHOTO BY MEGAN RUSSELL

TEACHERS MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENTS



SUE BLEW

"I ONCE CAME TO SCHOOL LAST YEAR WITH ONE BLUE SHOE ON AND ONE BROWN SHOE ON."



ANNETTE HOWK

"THE WORMS I WAS GOING TO USE FOR A LAB GOT DRUNK AND DIED."



KATHY CHIRPICH

"I ONCE CALLED A STUDENT'S MOTHER A GRANDMOTHER, THE WOMEN WASN'T TOO HAPPY."



DAVID PARKER

"THE FIRST CLASS I EVER TAUGHT, I WAS RANTING AND RAVING TO SHOW THE KIDS WHO WAS BOSS. MY FLY WAS HALF MASSES THE WHOLE TIME, I WAS PRETTY EMBARRASSED."

Excuses, Excuses...

That teachers receive from students.

1. "I got lost.- a senior who had been in the building for four years." Art Teacher David Parker
2. "Diarrhea" Industrial Technology Teacher Rick Smith
3. "My cow went into labor" Science Teacher Paul Coldwell
4. "A bunch of toilet paper fell on me" Journalism Teacher Kathy Yates
5. "Someone stole my bookbag." School within a School Teacher Anna Butler



TEACHING CERAMICS WAS OFTEN A LOT OF HARD WORK. CERAMICS TEACHER DAVID PARKER EXPLAINS TO STUDENTS HOW TO START OFF THEIR NEW PROJECTS. PHOTO BY MEGAN RUSSELL



JACKIE MORALES - SCIENCE
 SALLY OVERTON- CENTRAL OFFICE SECRETARY
 DAVID PARKER - ART
 JAN PARKS - NURSE
 SANDRA PATTERSON- COUNSELOR
 JUDY REDMOND - RECEPTIONIST
 BRUCE REHMER - TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST

MARIA RIOS - ATTENDANCE SECRETARY
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 SHERRY RUSH - DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES
 LESLIE SCIOLARO - CURRICULUM SPECIALIST
 BRIAN SCHUMANN - PRINCIPAL
 CHERYL SMITH - HOME ECONOMICS
 RICK SMITH - INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

KEN SNELL - HORTICULTURE
 DENISE STEWART - LANGUAGE ARTS
 TERRY STOCKMAN - SECURITY
 DAVID STUBBLEFIELD - MATH
 ERIC SWANSTROM - HISTORY
 MYRA SWITALA - SPECIAL EDUCATION
 BOCAR TANDIA - FRENCH

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 TONY WHITAK-INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY
 BERNARD WILLIA - DIR. OF PASS PROGRAM
 WILLIAMS - LANGUAGE ARTS
 CORRINE WOODS - ART
 CAROL ZAGORNIK - SPANISH

Weird Works of Wonder

WHAT IS THE WEIRDEST FOOD THAT YOU LOVE TO EAT?

"TURKEY-
DOGS"

JUNIOR TONY ANTONELLO

"PIZZA
AND
MUSTARD"

JUNIOR DAVID JOHNSON

"DEVEILED
HAM"

SENIOR FATIMA GONZALEZ

"FRENCH
FRIES AND
TARTER
SAUCE"

JUNIOR SHA-LEAH PITTMAN

COME AND GET IT!!

ENJOYING THE 'EXCELLENT' CAFETERIA FOOD, A FEW FRESHMEN SIT TOGETHER AND CHOW DOWN. THIS WELL-BALANCED MEAL GAVE THE FRESHMEN ENERGY TO FINISH THE DAY.

PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD

BOW DOWN!

SENIOR FATIMA GONZALEZ COMMANDS FRESHMAN COURTNEY HOWARD TO BOW DOWN TO HER. HOWARD HAD TO BE GONZALEZ'S SERVANT FOR THE DAY DUE TO A LOST BET.

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YUM YUM Eat 'em ups! Get in my belly!

GHETTO BEATS

STUDENTS GATHER AROUND AN IMPROMPTU RAPPING SESSION DURING SECOND LUNCH SHIFT. PRINCIPAL BRIAN SCHUMANN WATCHES STUDENTS AS THEY DISPLAY THEIR TALENTS.
PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



COOKIN' UP A STORM

LEARNING BY DOING IS ONE OF THE BEST AND MOST FUN METHODS OF LEARNING. THE FOODS CLASS GOT A FIRST-HAND LESSON IN FOOD PREPARATION BY A PROFESSIONAL CHEF.
PHOTO BY JAN EVANS



CREATIVE CUISINE

JUNIOR LUCAS WALLINGFORD AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE THESPIAN TROOP CREATE A COLORFUL DESIGN WITH THE FOOD AT THEIR TABLE DURING THE INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN FESTIVAL. PLAYING WITH FOOD WAS A PASTIME SOME CHOSE NOT TO OUTGROW.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

MALL MADNESS

CENTER STUDENTS GRAB A SNACK AT THE OAK PARK MALL FOOD COURT. MANY STUDENTS TOOK A BREAK FROM SHOPPING TO GRAB A SNACK WHILE SHOPPING. THE FOOD COURT MADE A VISIT TO THE MALL A LITTLE BIT MORE ENJOYABLE.

PHOTO BY JOANNA DORIA

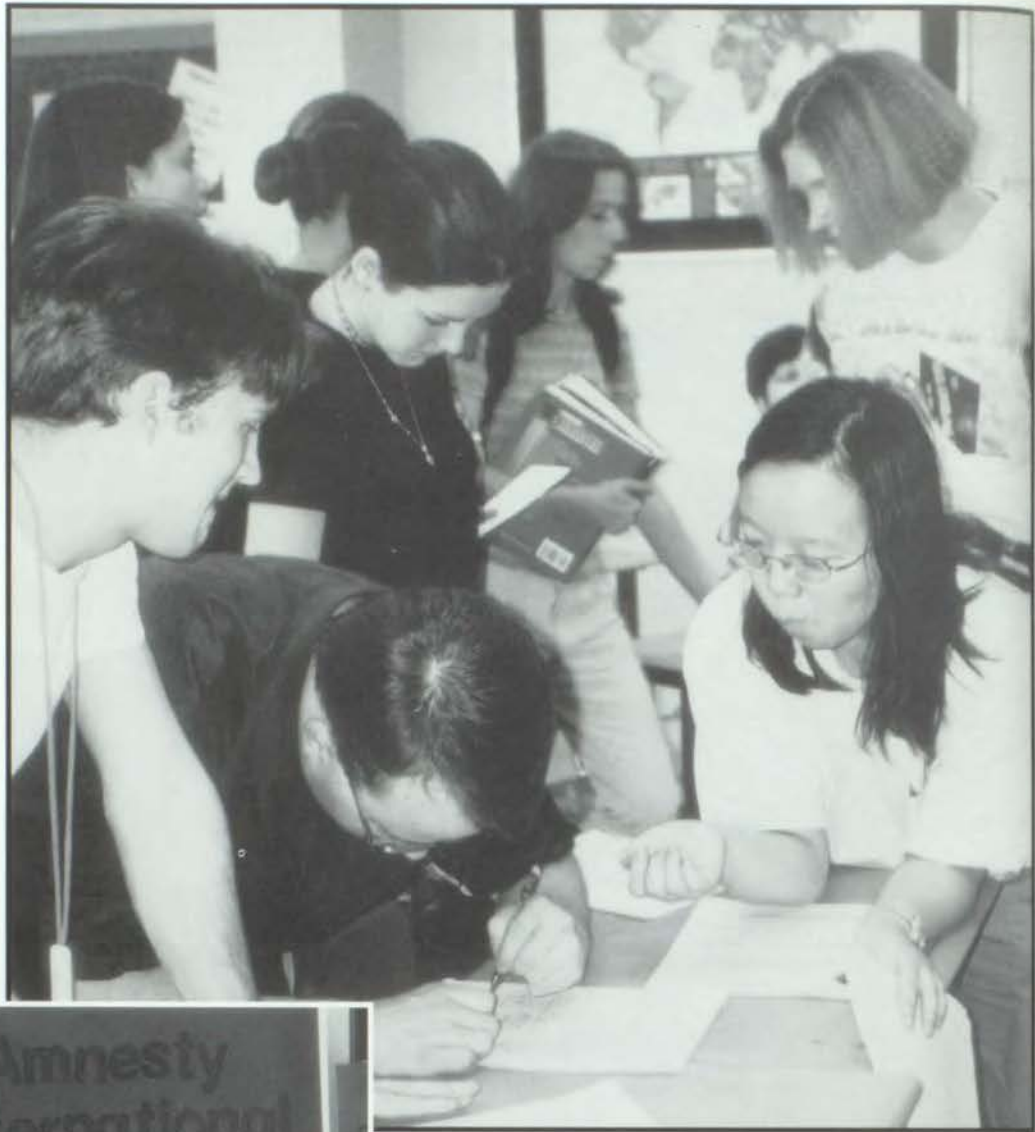


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CHARGE!!!!

SENIORS CARRIE CALDWELL AND SHANNON HEFFERNAN SIT "CALMLY" AT THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TABLE AT THE CLUB FAIR ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. AMNESTY MEMBERS USUALLY PORTRAYED THE ATTITUDE OF TAKING OVER THE WORLD.....CHARGE!!!!

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

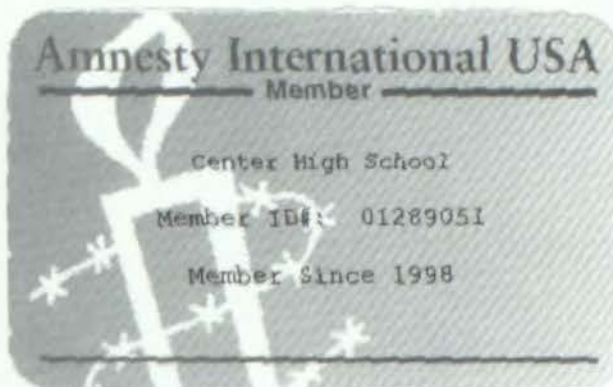
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JUNIORS SEAN KELLY, SOPHOMORE SPENCER COCKRELL AND JUNIOR NAN LOU SIGN PETITIONS FOR AN AMNESATY CAUSE. PETITIONS WERE VERY EFFECTIVE IS A GROUP BANDED TOGETHER FOR A COMMON GOAL.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Amnesty International: More than the written word



RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP

THIS WAS CENTER SENIORS HIGH SCHOOL'S OFFICIAL AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CARD. WITH THIS CARD, MEMBERS RECEIVED THE AMNESTY ACTION NEWSLETTER AND BOARD ELECTION VOTING PRIVILEGES.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

FRESHMAN ANDREA GIEDINGHAGEN AND REACHEL WILERT WORK THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TABLE AT EIGHTH GRADE ORIENTATION NIGHT. NIGHTS SUCH AS THESE WERE IMPORTANT FOR AMNESTY BECAUSE RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS WAS ACCOMPLISHED, RESULTING IN A LARGER VOICE FOR THE CLUB.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Row One: Christy Cambell, Joe Carr, Heather Glenn, Jessica Crump, Shannon Heffernan **Row Two:** Jennifer Carr, Stephen John, Amy Carr, Sarra Raja, Erin Andersen, Sara Rice **Row Three:** Rose Vaught, Toan Nguyen, Diane Asher, Nan Lou, Joanna Doria, Andrea Noble **Row Four:** Sean Kelly, Spencer Cockrell

JUST ANOTHER DAY

IT WAS JUST ANOTHER DAY IN THE LIFE OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. MEETINGS WERE HELD EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE. ONE FOCUS OF AMNESTY THIS YEAR WAS THE USE OF SWEAT SHOPS BY NAME BRAND STORES. AMNESTY LAUNCHED A FULL-SCALE CAMPAIGN TO MAKE CENTER STUDENTS AWARE OF SUCH INJUSTICES.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SGA Students caring for our school

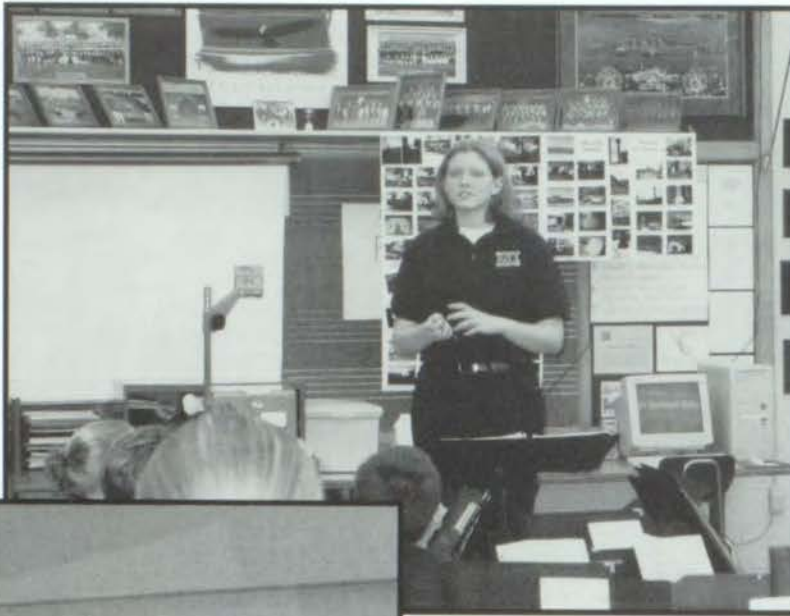
Leaders For The Future

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

SGA PRESIDENT CARRIE HOWARD CONDUCTS AN SGA GENERAL MEETING. HOWARD WAS PRESIDENT OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT BECAUSE SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT CHS AND LIKED "RUNNING THE SHOW".

PHOTO BY SCOTT SHANNAHAN



WHO'S YOUR MATCH?

THE EVER-SO-POPULAR COMPATIBILITY TESTS WERE GIVEN BY THE SGA. THE RESULTS OF THE TEST LISTED POSSIBLE ROMANTIC AND FRIENDSHIP MATCHES AMONG CHS STUDENTS.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SHANNAHAN



MAKING YOURSELF HEARD

AT AN SGA MEETING, SOPHOMORE CLASS PRESIDENT ALEX ROUSE GIVES AN UPDATE ON THE SOPHOMORES CLASS. ONE OF THE BIGGEST JOBS FOR THE SOPHOMORES WAS ORGANIZING COURTWARMING, HELD AFTER THE LAST HOME BOYS' BASKETBALL GAME.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SHANNAHAN



BACK TO SCHOOL

SGA REPRESENTATIVE NICK SNORGRASS, SENIOR, POSES WITH TWO STUDENTS FROM CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY. SGA MEMBERS WHO WERE SHADOWED BY CMSU STUDENTS FOR A DAY IN ORDER TO SHOW THEM MODERN-DAY HIGH-SCHOOL LIFE.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SHANNAHAN



WHAT TIME IS IT?

SGA MEMBERS GAVE COMPLIMENTARY CLOCKS TO EVERY STAFF MEMBER AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT. THESE CLOCKS WERE DISPLAYED ON JUST ABOUT EVERY TEACHER'S DESK.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SHANNAHAN

THE KEY TO SUCCESS

KEY CLUB PRESIDENT LUCAS WALLINGFORD, JUNIOR, STANDS TO UPDATE THE SGA ON KEY CLUB'S RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PROJECTS. ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS WERE REQUIRED TO TAKE PART IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SHANNAHAN



MEETING IN SESSION

SGA REPRESENTATIVES PREPARE FOR THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING SO THAT THEY MAY BE INFORMED OF THE LATEST SCHOOL ISSUES. TOAN NGUYEN, SENIOR, SAID THAT THE GENERAL MEETING ADDRESSED MANY ISSUES AND HELPED RECTIFY PROBLEMS IMMEDIATELY.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SHANNAHAN

Why are you in SGA?



MORGAN RIDGEWAY

"SO I CAN HAVE A SAY-SO."



LADETRA WILLIAMS

"IT'S A GOOD WAY TO SHOW THAT YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL AND HAVE AN ACTIVE ROLE."



TIARA WEATHERSBY

"BECAUSE NEIL IS A BIG DORK. I LIKE LAUGHING AT DORKS."



TIM PHILLIPS

"I WANTED TO HELP THE SCHOOL RUN BETTER, AND I'M SOMEWHAT INTERESTED IN THE WORKINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT."



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SGA: **ROW ONE:** T. GREENWELL, A. YOUNG, A. JOHNSON, C. HOWARD, R. BETTS, T. NGUYEN, C. SMITH **ROW TWO:** A. ISOM, L. DOARN, J. FLETCHER, R. ROUSE, T. WEATHERSBY, J. MCCALMAN, E. BUFORD, E. TURNER, A. HEFFERNAN, K. KORANDI, A. PIERCE, T. GIVHAN **ROW THREE:** L. HAMILTON, C. HOWARD, C. CALDWELL, K. CATES, M. GRANDI, C. CHAMBERS, A. GIEDINGHAGEN, S. HEFFERNAN, S. KELLY, E. ANDERSON, T. PHILLIPS, B. HOLLEY, A. WAGNER **ROW FOUR:** C. SWEANEY, L. CASTLE, M. EBBERTS, L. NIXON, J. CARR, A. BAUCOM, A. CASHEN, L. WEAVER, G. SOLDI, N. SIDDIKI, A. JOHNSON, F. GONZALEZ, L. WELLINGTON, A. RANDLE **ROW FIVE:** D. GRAYER, L. DAVIS, D. JOHNSON, J. PEAK, M. ROYER, P. BECKER, J. HOWARD, C. JOHNSTON, C. QUINN, M. DAGGAT, A. CORBIN, L. WILLIAMS, A. MITCHELL **ROW SIX:** VICTOR BROWN, J. AMERSON, A. BARTH, K. KNOWLTON, N. BELL, C. SISK, M. STANLEY, S. SHANNAHAN, M. RIDGEWAY, N. CORRISTON, A. ROUSE

New Organizations offer more opportunities for the New Millennium

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Row One: AMY CARR, SHANNON HEFFERNAN, DIANE ASHER, JOE CARR, JESSICA CRUMP, JENNIFER CARR **Row Two:** HUONG NGUYEN, ANANDA BAUCOM, HEATHER INSCORE, AMBER GILLILAND, CARRIE CALDWELL, SARAH RICE **Row Three:** PEGGY JOY, CHRISTINE CAMPBELL, ERIN ANDERSEN, TAYLOR SPRIGGS **Row Four:** HALLIE GOTFREDSON, CHERI SWEANEY, ANDREA NOBLE, ANNAROSE MANNING



CUTTIN' IT UP

DURING A CLUB MEETING, MEMBERS TAKE A WALK TO LEGACY PARK OFF OF TROOST STREET. TAYLOR SPRIGGS TRIMMED THE BRANCHES OFF THE BUSHES AND TREES SO THAT A WALK ON THE TRAIL WOULD BE EASIER. CLUB MEMBERS TRIED TO MAKE THE ENVIRONMENT SAFE, AS WELL AS ENJOYABLE.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



TASTES LIKE CHICKEN

ON THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, THE STREAM TEAM SET OFF TO EXAMINE THE WATER IN INDIAN CREEK. SHANNON HEFFERNAN, ERIN ANDERSEN AND JOE CARR SORTED ORGANISMS FOUND IN THE WATER. THE MAIN GOAL OF THE STREAM TEAM WAS TO SEE IF THE LOCAL BUSINESSES WERE POLLUTING THE WATER.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

HAULING IT AWAY

ON A COLD DAY, JUNIOR JESSICA CRUMP CARRIES A CONTAINER FULL OF PAPER WHILE VOLUNTEERING AT THE RECYCLING CENTER. RECYCLING WAS A PART OF THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES AIMED AT REVIVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR





STRIKE!!

JUNIORS TIM PHILLIPS, BRIAN HOLLEY AND DAVID JOHNSON BOWL AT WARD PARKWAY LANES. BOWLING WAS ONE OF THE WAYS FBLA RECRUITED NEW MEMBERS.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR

KEEPIN' COOL!

SPENCER COCKRELL SELLS FANS DURING A FOOTBALL GAME AS A FUND-RAISER. DURING FOOTBALL GAMES, MONEY-MAKING PROFITS WERE HIGH. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



DIPPIN' APPLES

BUSINESS TEACHER DANNY TIPTON MAKES CARMEL APPLES FOR A FUNDRAISER DURING THE 1800'S DAY. THE 1800'S DAY WAS A FUNDRAISER, BUT ALSO HAD THE GOAL OF RAISING COMMUNITY-AWAERNESS FOR THE FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS.
PHOTO DONATED BY AMY CARR

It's hard at the top! What was the most difficult aspect of being club president?



SEAN KELLY

"GETTING PEOPLE INTERESTED IN BUSINESS."



JOE CARR

"THE HARDEST THING WAS TO KEEP THE MEMBERS IN THE CLUB AND PARTICIPATING."



HELPING HANDS FROM NEIGHBORS

DISTRICT MANAGER CHRIS PATTERSON HANDS FBLA A \$500 GIFT TO HELP JUMP-START THE CLUB. LEANNE CHIN WAS THE OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE CLUB.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR

LAW Poli-Sci offers new opportunities Students explore law trade

TRUE TO TRADITION

SENIOR PEGGY JOY, JUNIORS KIM KNOWLTON AND CHRISTY CAMPBELL AND SENIOR DAVID CROSSLEY JOIN PINKIES FOR GOOD LUCK BEFORE THEIR MOCK TRIAL BEGINS. MOCK TRIALS WERE HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 5, 15 AND 17.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



ONE LAST TIME

SENIORS ERIC HAYNES, SHANNON HEFFERNAN, CARRIE CALDWELL, DAVID CROSSLEY, PEGGY JOY, JOE SWARD AND ZACHARY PEISTER TAKE TIME OUT FOR ONE LAST PICTURE ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM JEFF CITY. IN JEFF CITY, MEMBERS OF POLI-SCI PLAYED THE ROLES OF CONGRESS FOR THREE DAYS.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

OUT OF ORDER

POLI-SCI MEMBERS CARRIE CALDWELL, CHRISTY CAMPBELL AND MARCUS STANLEY OBTAIN ADVICE FROM A LAWYER TO HELP THEM IN THEIR TRIALS. IMPROVING SKILLS WAS A MAIN GOAL OF POLI-SCI THIS YEAR.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



TAKING A BREAK

SENIORS DAVID CROSSLEY AND CARRIE CALDWELL AND SOPHOMORE MARCUS STANLEY TAKE TIME OUT TO GOOF OFF ON THEIR WAY TO MOCK TRIALS. MOCK TRIALS GAVE STUDENTS A CHANCE TO ROLE PLAY AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LEGAL SYSTEM.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

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Which Poli-Sci member would make a good president?



PEGGY JOY

"DAVID CROSSLEY - BECAUSE HE WOULD BE THE ONLY ONE TO HAVE A 12-YEAR AFFAIR WITH HIS INTERN."



BRIAN HOLLEY

"KIM KNOWLTON - BECAUSE SHE IS VERY TALENTED AND MAKES UP REALLY STUPID AND WEIRD SAYINGS DURING TRIALS."



TYRA GRIGGS

"BRIAN HOLLEY AND DAVID JOHNSON - BECAUSE THEY ARE BOTH VERY EDUCATED AND KNOW A LOT ABOUT POLITICS."



ERIC HAYNES

"JOE CARR - BECAUSE HE'S GOING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD WHEN IT ENDS."



POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB

ROW ONE: CARRIE CALDWELL, LEWKETTA JACK, TYRA GRIGGS, NICOLE O'LAUGHLIN **ROW TWO:** ERIC HAYNES, SHANNON HEFFERNAN, HEATHER GLENN, AMBER GILLILAND, COLETTE NORTON **ROW THREE:** ZACHARY PEISTER, COLIN CHAMBERS, EMILY BUFORD, MELISSA EBBERTS, BRIAN HOLLEY, DAVID JOHNSON **ROW FOUR:** JOE CARR, TIM PHILLIPS, PHILLIP SMITH, AMANDA VANSICKEL, JOANNA GITTERMAN **ROW FIVE:** KIM KNOWLTON, PEGGY JOY, NATAUE BELL, CHRISTINE CAMPBELL **ROW SIX:** MARCUS STANLEY, DAVID CROSSLEY, STEPHANIE WHEELER, CONNIE SISK

MAKING THE ROUNDS

SENIOR PEGGY JOY, JUNIOR CONNIE SISK AND SENIORS JOE SWARD AND ERIC HAYNES SHOW OFF THEIR POLI-SCI FLOAT.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

GROOVY BABY!

AFTER WORKING HARD AT SUMMER DANCE-LINE CAMP, THE GIRLS (AND GUY) CELEBRATE IN 70'S APPAREL AT THE AUSTIN-POWERS-THEMED SLEEP-OVER. MEMBERS SHOIPPED TO FIND FUNKY AND FUN OUTFITS TO REPRESENT THE CRAZY DECADE.

PHOTO BY AMY JOHNSON

THE BANANA BOAT..

SOPHOMORES KATIE PICKETT AND MEGAN BURNS ARISE BRIGHT AND EARLY TO ENJOY A MORNING "BANANA BOAT" RIDE AT CASTAWAY CAMP IN MINNESOTA. PICKETT AND BURNS ENJOYED MANY OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES DURING THEIR TRIP UP NORTH.

PHOTO DONATED BY KATIE PICKETT



TAKIN' A BREAK

SENIOR SHANNON HEFFERNAN ALONG WITH JUNIORS AMY CARR AND JESSICA CRUMP WAIT FOR THEIR TURN TO SEE A 1940'S RADIO SHOW AT THE INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN FESTIVAL. THE STUDENTS TOOK TIME TO REFLECT ON THE WORKSHOPS THAT THEY ATTENDED AT THIS EVENT.

PHOTO DONATED BY AMY CARR



My most memorable camp experience was...



GROSS !!

"I VOLUNTEERED AT A CAMP AND WAS ON THE WORK CREW, SO I HAD TO CLEAN OUT A POND FULL OF "PEOPLE" POOP. IT WAS SO HORRIBLE!"

JUNIOR AUDREY YOUNG



HELLO LADIES !

"I WAS TRYING TO SHOW THE GUYS HOW TO PICK UP GIRLS. I TOLD THEM TO TRIP AND FALL IN FRONT OF THEM SO THEY "ASK YOU IF YOU'RE OKAY. IT WORKS!"

SENIOR JEFF HILL



I WANT MY STUFF !

"IN FOURTH GRADE, THE PEOPLE LOST MY LUGGAGE FOR TWO DAYS. I COULDN'T CALL MY MOM, I SPILLED PAINT ON A GIRL'S SLEEPING BAG AND THE COUNSELORS MADE US WEAR YELLOW DAY-GLO HATS!"

SENIOR LYNSEY NIXON



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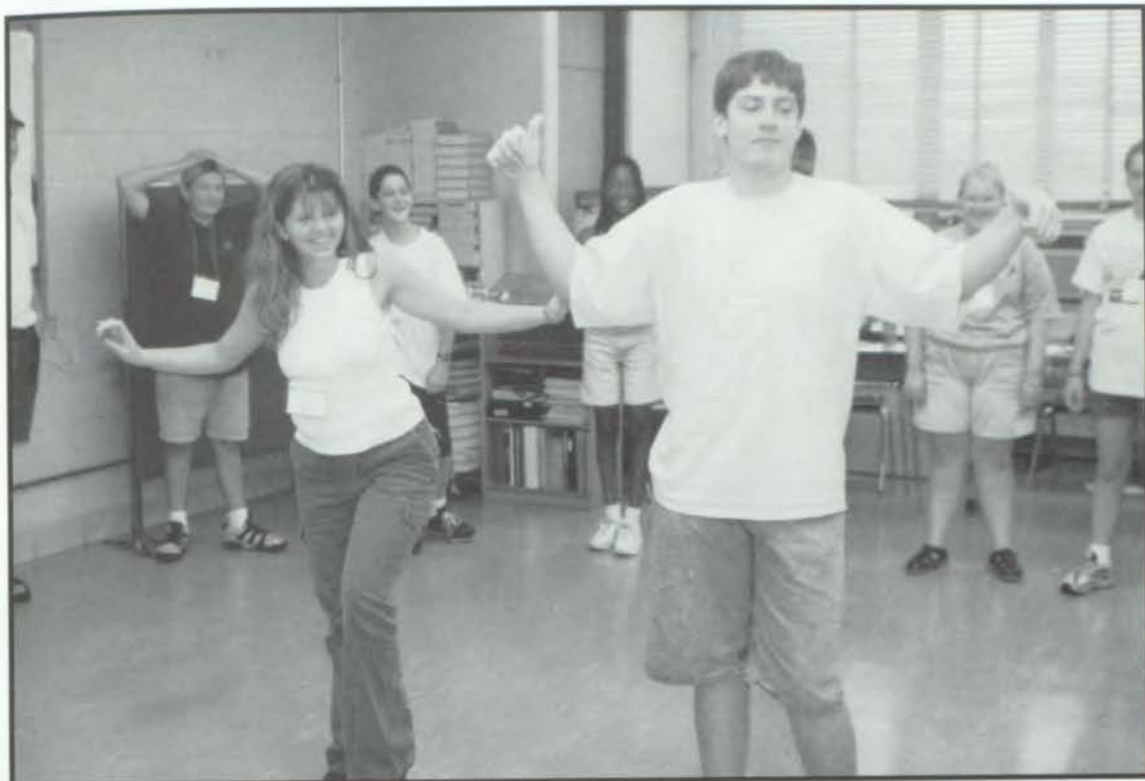
"A TALENT SHOW WAS PERFORMED EVERY YEAR AT CAMP. MY FRIEND AND I PREPARED A MONTH IN ADVANCE AND EVEN MADE OUR OWN DRESSES. AFTER AUDITIONS, EVERYONE MADE IT BUT US. IT WAS HUMILIATING!"

SOPHOMORE KATIE PICKETT

CAMP

students find ways to beat the heat
cures the summer-time blues

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SIMON SAYS...

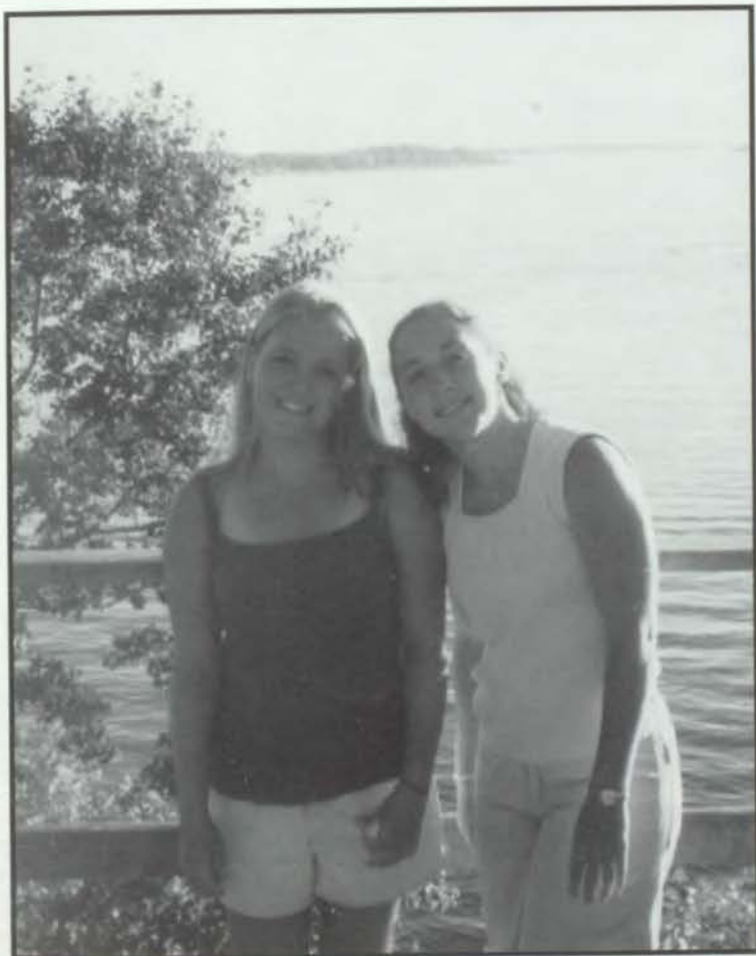
SENIOR ASHLEY CASHEN AND JUNIOR LUCAS WALLINGFORD PARTICIPATE AT THE FIRST JUNIOR ARTS ACADEMY BY PLAYING AN IMPROVISATION GAME. THE GAME WAS PLAYED BY ACTING OUT THE RANDOM THINGS THEY WERE TOLD TO DO. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



RIDE 'EM COWBOY!

FRESHMAN BRIAN WELLINGTON GETS HIS CHANCE AT HORSE-BACK RIDING AT A CHURCH CAMP. HE ATTENDED WITH SOME FRIENDS. HORSE-BACK RIDING WAS ONE OF MANY ACTIVITIES OFFERED.

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ROUND ROBIN

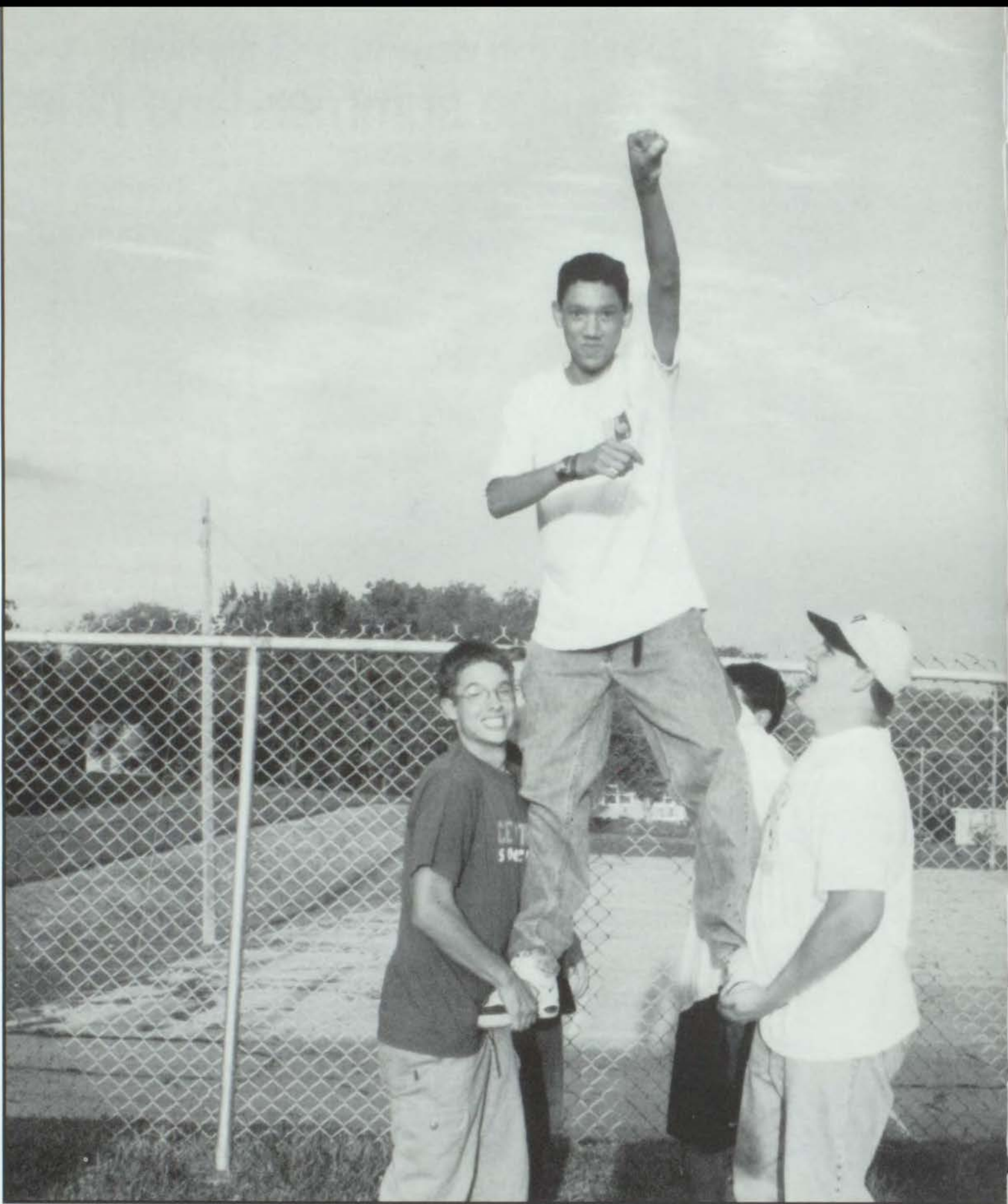
STUDENTS TAKE TIME OFF FROM THEIR BUSY SUMMER TO ATTEND THE FIRST-ANNUAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP. THE WORKSHOP WAS LEAD BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, BUT HOSTED SEVERAL GUEST SPEAKERS. THE STUDENT CONCERNS COMMITTEE, SHOWN HERE, DISCUSSED THE INVESTMENTS OF NEW POLES TO GUARD THE CENTER SEAL IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE.

PHOTO DONATED BY TIM GREENWELL

CHILLIN' BY THE LAKE

JUNIORS LISA WELLINGTON AND AUBREE YEISLEY TAKE TIME DURING CAMP TO TAKE A SCENIC PICTURE. CASTAWAY CAMP OFFERED MANY WATER ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS FREE TIME TO SPEND WITH FRIENDS.

PHOTO DONATED BY AUBREE YEISLEY



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Juniors Mark Royer and Phillip Smith and Senior Andrew Jackson cheer at a Center football game at Washington High School. Students found that cheering along with the cheerleaders added spirit to the game.

Photo By Amber Gilliland

a time to change



Senior Andrew Jackson plays his saxophone at a home football game. The Center Marching Yellowjackets often provided spirit for the team as well as the fans. The Marching Jackets not only entertained locally, but also travelled to win accolades at various concerts and contests.

Photo By Kathy Yates



Juniors Phillip Becker and Jake Howard practice their drum skills during lunch. Being a part of the Center Drum Line sometimes meant many hours of practice, both inside and outside of the band room.

Photo By Fatima Gonzalez



Sophomores Katie Pickett and Walter Townsend walk down the field during half time at the Cetner Homecoming game. Pickett and Townsend were just two of the four attendants from the Sophomore Class.

Photo By Amy Carr

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FALL

JEFF AFRISIO
 RAHMON ALLEN
 GEORGE ANDERSON
 JOE ANDERSON
 DANVIEL ANTHONY
 JEROME ATTY
 KEARA AUSTIN



SAMANTHA BALL
 JEREMY BARBER
 ANDREW BARTH
 ANTHONY BELL
 NATALIE BELL
 MARGUITA BEN-SHIDAH
 SAMANTHA BLACKMAN



REBECCA BRAKE
 JOSH BRAWLEY
 DEANNA BROCIOSUS
 ALAN BROWN
 SHANNA BROWN
 KENNETH BUCKNER
 EMILY BUFORD



MEGAN BURNS
 JANICE CALDWELL
 LEYIA CANNON
 CADE CARPENTER
 COLIN CHAMBERS
 CHASITY CHASE
 DEREK CLARK



TIMOTHY CLAYTON
 SPENCER COCKRELL
 TOMMY COKER
 RAJAH COLLINS
 ERIC CONRAD
 LENDERY COUNCIL
 ALONZO CRAWFORD



SOPHOMORES ERIC CONRAD, CADE CARPENTER AND STEVEN JACOBS PREPARE TO LEAVE SCHOOL. CONRAD GAVE RIDES TO MANY OF HIS FRIENDS WHO WERE WITHOUT WHEELS.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



"BABY, YOU CAN DRIVE MY CAR"

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Driving, to many sophomores, was a scary but exciting experience. It was a time to **TURN** to a new chapter in their lives. It was a time to **TURN** to more freedom and more responsibility. To someone **TURNING** 16, driving was like a dream that was finally about to come true.

When the day of the big driver's test arrived, sophomores found themselves faced with a weird-looking uniformed driver's instructor and a feeling in their stomach that was a direct result of one thing - fear. Still, through all of this, most sophomores were able to get their licenses and go on to the next level of their lives. The level of insurance, maintenance and gas.

WHAT WAS YOUR SCARIEST DRIVING EXPERIENCE?



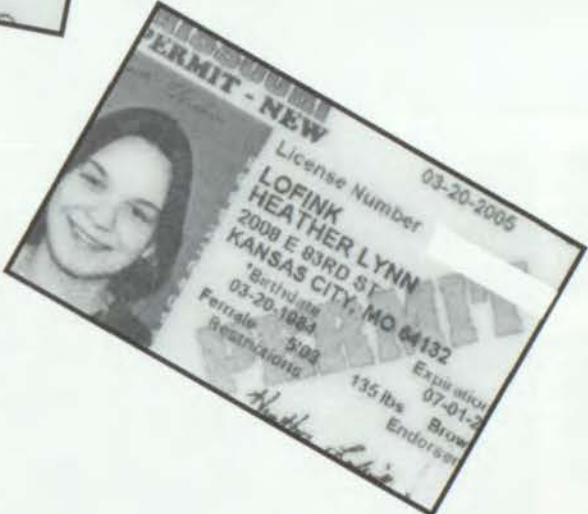
"ONE TIME WHEN **ABBY** WAS DRIVING, I WAS MESSING AROUND WITH THE RADIO AND I COULDN'T GET A STATION, SO **ABBY** TRIED TO HELP. WHEN WE LOOKED UP, WE WERE IN THE WRONG LANE AND A CAR WAS COMING RIGHT TOWARD US, SO SHE TURNED REALLY SHARPLY."

ERICA TURNER



"I WAS DRIVING TO SCHOOL AND **EMILY BUFORD** WAS BEHIND ME, SO I DECIDED TO BE COOL AND WAVE TO HER. BUT I WASN'T HOLDING ON TO THE WHEEL WITH THE OTHER HAND AND I RAN INTO THE CURB AND BOUNCED BACK INTO THE OTHER LANE."

COLIN CHAMBERS



AFTER SCHOOL, THE PARKING LOT WAS A VERY BUSY PLACE. THE RUSH TO LEAVE SCHOOL GROUNDS WAS HECTIC, BUT MOST PEOPLE USED THIS TIME TO SOCIALIZE.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

The Backstreet Boys thrilled a sold-out Kemper Arena in a November show. The young male group stole the hearts of the ladies with their Top-40 songs and handsome looks.
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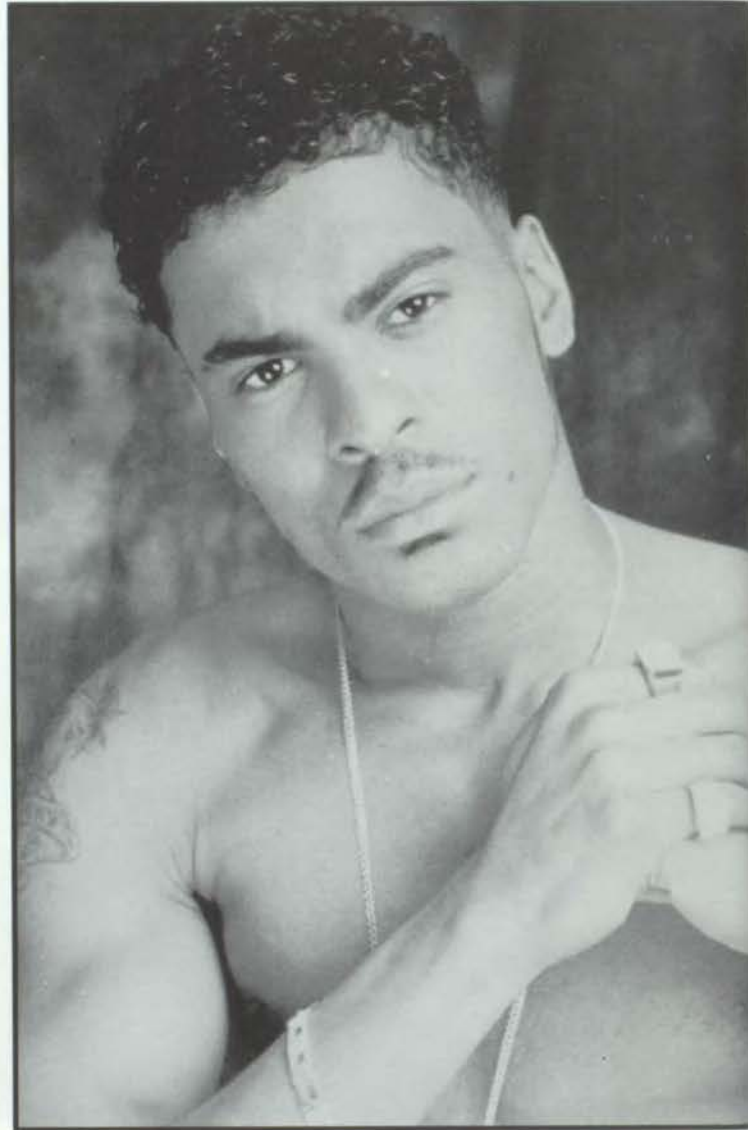


A HYPER, EXCITED CROWD JAMS AT THE SMOKIN' GROOVE CONCERT. LIL-WAYNE, A YOUNG MALE RAPPER, PERFORMED TO A HYS-TERICAL CROWD.
PHOTO BY DONNELL RUCKER



DIANA ROSS PERFORMS AT A CONCERT IN KANSAS CITY. ROSS ANNOUNCED THAT SHE WILL REUNITE WITH THE SUPREMES TO PERFORM THE MUSIC ONCE SO POPULAR IN THE 70'S.
PHOTO DONATED BY MARKETTA TANNER

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE FROM THE GROUP N-SYNC PERFORMS AT AN APRIL 1 CONCERT AT KEMPER ARENA. THE EXTREME POPULARITY OF "BOY BANDS" SUCH AS NSYNC, RESULTED IN A HUGE FOLLOWING OF YOUNG FEMALES.
PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ



RHYTHM AND BLUES SINGER GINUWINE PERFORMS A CONCERT AT THE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM. GINUWINE'S PASSIONATE LOVE BALLADS RESULTED IN HIS EXTREME POPULARITY, MAINLY WITH FEMALE AUDIENCE.
PHOTO BY TIRANNEE' GIVHA

MUSICAL FOR EVERYONE

Many types of music exist in today's society. Rap, rhythm and blues, country, rock, heavy metal, alternative, classic rock and party music are some of the more popular genres.

Sophomore Marketta Tannersaid, "I listen to a variety of music. The kind of music I like to listen to is jazz, R&B, country and rap."

Even gospel music has proven popular with some students.

WHAT TYPE OF MUSIC DO YOU LISTEN TO THE MOST AND

"I LISTEN TO A MIXTURE OF RHYTHM AND BLUES AND RAP. I LIKE R & B MORE THAN RAP BECAUSE I LIKE THE ENTERTAINMENT."

SOPHOMORE ERIN HARRIS

"I LISTEN TO RAP THE MOST. I LIKE THE LYRICS AND THE BEATS!"

SOPHOMORE ZACK EUBANK



SHAWN CUNNINGHAM
VICTOR DANIEL
MINA DASARI
NICOLE DAVIS
SIERRA DAVIS
DONNA DENYER
LATALYA DICKERSON

IBAD DIDDIGI
BYRON DIXON
JAQUITA DOWNING
SHANNON DRUMMOND
STEPHEN EALY
CHRISTINE EDINGTON
LAURA ERICKSON

ZACK EUBANK
TIMOTHY FARMER
CASSANDRA FORTUNE
MELANIE FREDLAND
JAMES FUGATE
CINDY GARCIA
JENNIFER GASPER

JAMIE GEE
TIRANNEE' GIVHAN
ARTESHA GLADNEY
COURTNEY GLENN
ALICIA GRIDDINE
KENNETH GROVES
LAKESHIA HARBOUR

ERIN HARRIS
PORTIA HARRIS
ABBY HEFFERNAN
LERON HUDSON
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MICHAEL JACKSON
BYRON JOHNSON

SOPHOMORES ALEX ROUSE, LORA MODLIN AND KATIE KORANDO SHOW OFF THEIR SCHOOL SPIRIT AT THE HOMECOMING PEP ASSEMBLY. SOPHOMORES TOOK SECOND PLACE IN THE CLASS-YELL COMPETITION.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



SOPHOMORE MARCUS STANLEY DISPLAYS HIS CREATIVITY BY DRESSING UP AS A BIG CAN OF SALSA DURING THESPIAN FESTIVAL. THESPIAN FESTIVAL WAS A TIME TO SHOW OFF ONE'S PRIDE IN THEIR SCHOOL THROUGH THE ARTS.

PHOTO BY JESSICA CRUMP



SHOWING OFF THEIR SCHOOL SPIRIT, THE SOPHOMORE CLASS STANDS UP AND YELLS FOR THE BLUE AND GOLD. HAVING PRIDE IN ONE'S CLASS WAS IMPORTANT FOR RAISING SCHOOL PRIDE, AND THE SOPHOMORE CLASS WERE CONSISTENT SPIRIT LEADERS.

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SOPHOMORES ABBY HEFFERNAN AND ERICA TURNER HORSE ROUND BETWEEN WORK SESSIONS. TAKING A BREAK FROM WORKING ON THE CHEERLEADERS' HOMECOMING FLOAT WAS SOMETIME NECESSARY.

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RYAN KEMP
KATIE KORANDO

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ROBERT LOGAN II
JOSH LONG
NATIKA LOPEZ

COCHETA MANION
LAWERN MANLEY
LAKIESHA MANLOVE
STEVEN MAY
JUSTIN McCLAIR
KAYLENE MCFARLAND
MONCHEL McQUITY

ERICA MILBURN
CLYDE MITCHELL
LORA MODLIN
CHARLES MORGAN
BRANDON OLDHAM
KELLY OSHEA
EBONY OUTLEY

JUSTIN PATMORE
JOE PAQUET
DEBBIE PERILLO
CHERIE PHILLIPS
KATIE PICKETT
AMANDA PIERCE
SARAH RICE

2002 - WHAT DO WE THINK OF YOU?

They first entered our lives last year when they were freshmen, and since then, they have made an impact on our lives, whether big or small. Others in the school have mixed feelings about them. Some say they are fun, goofy and good friends. Others say they are dumb, immature and a waste. But either way, they are part of our school and part of a family. So no matter what you think of the Class of 2002, they have something to do with you.

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WHAT DOES THE SOPHOMRE CLASS CONTRIBUTE TO CENTER ?

"PRIDE! WE STAND UP FOR WHAT WE ARE - AND I AM A SOPHOMORE."

JOE ANDERSON

"WE CONTRIBUTE A LOT OF SCHOOL SPIRIT."

LAURA ERICKSON



Monkeys in the Middle

Sophomores found that being in the mid-year of high school was not as easy as it seemed. The excitement of getting past that freshman year did not last. As the year progressed, the Class of 2002 sometimes felt frustrated with their position.

"It's hard because we know we are not freshmen anymore, but we don't get any respect because we aren't upperclassmen," said Abby Heffernan.

Other sophomores had no problem with their position.

"I like being a sophomore because we finally aren't freshmen! It seems like we are not as young as people think we are," said Meghan Burns.

All in all, the Sophomore Class held their heads high and endured the year in the middle

DO YOU THINK BEING A SOPHOMORE IS DIFFICULT?

"No. It's EASIER THAN BEING A FRESHMAN, BUT YOU STILL LOOK FORWARD TO BEING A JUNIOR AND SENIOR."

NEIL SOLOMAN

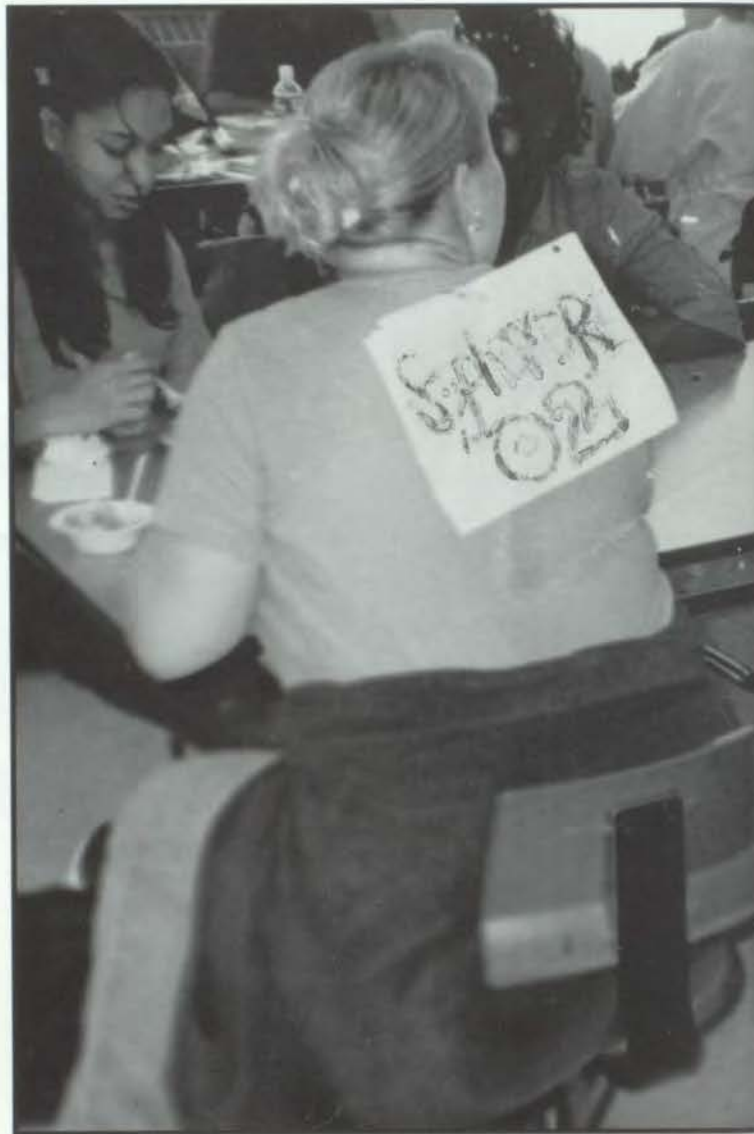
"No. YOU ARE ALREADY USED TO SCHOOL, YOU THINK YOU ARE OLDER - BUT THE UPPER-CLASSMEN STILL THINK YOU ARE YOUNG."

COLEETA WEBB



SOPHOMORES BECKY BRAKE AND SHANNON DRUMMOND CATCH UP ON GOSSIP DURING LUNCH. LUNCH TIME WAS ALWAYS A GOOD TIME TO CATCH UP ON THE EVENTS OF THE DAY. PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD

SOPHOMORES SHOW THEIR SPIRIT AT A PEP ASSEMBLY. ALTHOUGH SOME SOPHOMORES WERE INTIMIDATED BY THE UPPERCLASSMEN, DURING ASSEMBLIES, THEY BROKE LOOSE. PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD



DURING SPIRIT WEEK, SOPHOMORES FOUND NEW AND CREATIVE WAYS TO SHOW OFF THEIR SCHOOL SPIRIT. WEARING SIGNS WAS ONLY ONE OF THE MANY WAYS SOPHOMORES EXPRESSED THEMSELVES. PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD



SENIOR ELIZABETH CONNOR HELPS SOPHOMORE LEVIA CANNON WITH SOME OF HER HOMEWORK. MOST SOPHOMORES WERE NOT SHY WHEN IT CAME TO GETTING HELP FROM SENIORS.

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CARRIE HOWARD



MICHAEL RICHMAN
LOLETA ROBINSON
ADAM RODRIGUEZ
LINDA ROGERS
ALEX ROUSE
AARON SCHAD
AMY SCHALFANT

JUSTIN SHERMAN
ANDRE SIDNEY
TIM SIMPSON
DESIREE SLAUGHTER
BRANDON SLOAN
L'ARIN SMITH
NEIL SOLOMAN

RAPHAEL SPRIGGS
TAYLOR SPRIGGS
JOY STEMPLEMAN
SHELIA STUTEVILLE
MARKETTA TANNER
ERICA TURNER
CHRISTINE THOMPSON

WALTER TOWNSEND
JENENE TYLER
JUSTIN WAGES
NATHAN WALLINGFORD
STEVEN WALLS
STEVEN WATSON
COLEETA WEBB

ASHLEE WILLIAMS
REBA WILLIAMS-CLARK
LATOYA WILLIAMS
TONILLE WILLIAMS
RACHEL WILLIAMS
JUSTIN WOODLING
LATASHA WRIGHT

SPIKING THEIR WAY TO SUCCESS

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The Varsity Volleyball Team headed into the season with goals of playing at their best level. Although the scores didn't always show it, the team was definitely more successful than in past years.

How did this happen? Two major factors contributed to the team's achievements. One factor was the fact that most members of the team played together for several

years. That time together was helpful in allowing team members to learn to work together as a team. The second factor was that the skill level of the team was improved. Members practiced over the summer and took part in off-season volleyball leagues.

Junior Melissa Ebberts said, "I think that this year we have really showed other teams that we mean

competition. You can't stomp on Center anymore," said Ebberts.

It was attitudes like this, that gave the team a healthy start to succeed on the court.

Rebuilding a program was hard, but the team was optimistic. These two factors gave them hope that their scores would reflect the hard work and dedication they poured into this sport.



SENIOR WYKETHA HARRELL RUNS THROUGH THE TUNNEL OF TEAMMATES AND FANS AS SHE IS ANNOUNCED AS A STARTER. RUNNING THROUGH THE TUNNEL WAS A PRACTICE USE TO PSYCH UP PLAYERS BEFORE GAMES.

PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD



J.V. VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS PREPARE FOR THE NEXT SERVE. BEING ABLE TO REACT QUICKLY WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF PLAYING VOLLEYBALL.

PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD

THE VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY DURING A SUBSTITUTION TO GET TOGETHER AND DISCUSS THE GAME. SUBSTITUTION BREAKS PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE NECESSARY GAME ADJUSTMENTS.

PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD





SENIOR AMY MITCHELL EXPRESSES HER EMOTIONS TO HER TEAMMATES DURING A TIME-OUT. MITCHELL WAS A TEAM LEADER WELL-RESPECTED BY HER TEAMMATES.

PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD

Varsity

SEASON RECORD 5-8

CHS	vs.	GRANDVIEW	L
CHS	vs.	CENTRAL	W
CHS	vs.	RUSKIN	W
CHS	vs.	PK. HILL S.	L
CHS	vs.	RAYTOWN S.	L
CHS	vs.	EX. SPRINGS	L
CHS	vs.	HICKMAN	W
CHS	vs.	RUSKIN	W
CHS	vs.	PK. HILL S.	L
CHS	vs.	RAYTOWN S.	L
CHS	vs.	RAY-PEC	L
CHS	vs.	EX. SPRINGS	L
CHS	vs.	HICKMAN	W

Jr. Varsity

SEASON RECORD 4-7

CHS	vs.	GRANDVIEW	L
CHS	vs.	RUSKIN	W
CHS	vs.	PK. HILL S.	L
CHS	vs.	RAYTOWN S.	L
CHS	vs.	EX. SPRINGS	L
CHS	vs.	HICKMAN	W
CHS	vs.	RUSKIN	W
CHS	vs.	PK. HILL S.	L
CHS	vs.	RAYTOWN S.	L
CHS	vs.	RAY-PEC	L
CHS	vs.	EX. SPRINGS	L
CHS	vs.	HICKMAN	W



THE VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAMS GOOF OFF DURING THE TEAM PICTURE. PLAYING AROUND AND HAVING FUN WITH EACH OTHER WAS IMPORTANT TO THE TEAM'S DYNAMICS, AND HELPED WITH COMPATIBILITY ON THE COURT.

GERMAN CLUB: **ROW ONE:** PEGGY JOY, STEPHEN JOHN, ERIN ANDERSEN, JOE CARR, MARY AJJARAPU **ROW TWO:** STEPHANIE WHEELER, CARRIE CALDWELL, JILL McCALMAN, DARA RAGLIN, HUONG NGUYEN, GLORY AJJARAPU **ROW THREE:** CHRISTY CAMPBELL, SHANNON HEFFERNAN, HEATHER INSCORE, PHILLIP SMITH, COLETTE NORTON, RYCHELLE PHILLIPS, SPENCER COCKRELL **ROW FOUR:** JANICE CALDWELL, JENNIFER JANTZ, ANN GIEDINGHAGEN **ROW FIVE:** PAUL JOHN, RYAN KULKE, KATIE KIRANDO, ABBY HEFFERNAN, JACK RYAN

SPANISH CLUB: **ROW ONE:** DESIREE SLAUGHTER, NAKITA LOPEZ, LATAYLA DICKERSON, BRANDI HOWARD, ERICA WATTS **ROW TWO:** ANDREW JOHNSON, LAUREN HAMILTON, JESSICA CRUMP, AMY JOHNSON, EMILY BUFORD, JENNIFER FOWLER **ROW THREE:** LEE UNGER, MEGAN WHITE, AMY MITCHELL, GINA SOLDI, NAVEED SIDDIQI **ROW FOUR:** JOEY BRAKE, ANANDA BAUCOM, MATT DAGGETT, CARRIE HOWARD, JEFF HILL **ROW FIVE:** CLIFFORD JUAN, DAVID CROSSLEY

FRENCH CLUB: **ROW ONE:** PORSHIA HARRIS, EMMA WATTS **ROW TWO:** ANITA TRAN, AMBERLY WAGNER, ERICA HENDERSON, NARISSA HUGES **ROW THREE:** SPONSOR TANDIA, SEAN KELLY, LAQUITA JACKSON, AMY MITCHELL



GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS ANJA SCHUMACHER AND NICOLE KRANERT WITH HOST JUNIOR VICTORIA LOMAS, PLAY IN THE NEWLY-FALLEN OCTOBER LEAVES AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS. WHILE STAYING WITH AMERICAN FAMILIES FOR TWO WEEKS, BOTH THE GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND THE AMERICAN FAMILIES RECEIVED A TASTE OF ANOTHER CULTURE.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Foreign languages aren't so foreign

HOW HAS CULTURE AND LANGUAGE AFFECTED YOUR LIFE?



"IT'S WEIRD BECAUSE ONE MINUTE I AM IN THE CAR SPEAKING VIETNAMESE TO MY PARENTS, THEN I GO INTO SCHOOL AND SPEAK ENGLISH. IT GETS CONFUSING."

SENIOR TOAN NGUYEN

"THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENCES, AND I WOULD KNOW BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN MANY CULTURES - BELGIUM (NATIVE) GERMAN, FRENCH, AFRICAN, CHINESE, JAPANESE, INDIAN, ETC."

SOPHOMORE SHANNA BROWN



TURN TO ANOTHER WAY OF LIFE

Imagine leaving your home at the age of 16. Imagine leaving your mother, your school and your friends. Imagine arriving to a strange country. Imagine being thrown into a new culture with an unfamiliar language a new life. Imagine living with people you had only met when you were a small child. But also imagine success. Imagine dreams of attending college. One girl who sat in class did not have to imagine.

Junior Erman Yu is that girl. Yu traveled to the United States in September with just six years of English study under her belt. "I can read and write En-

glish well, but I still have trouble speaking it," said Yu.

Yu is not the only student who experienced a change of location and culture all wrapped up in one. At age 13, Junior Tsedey Tassew also left her mother and father in Ethiopia to live here. Tassew took a few years of British English, which is much different from the English spoken in the U.S. The language difference made living here difficult at times, according to Tassew.

"It was pretty hard, and still is. I miss my mother a lot," said Tassew.

Adapting to various cultural differences was difficult, but exposure to various ways of life benefited students.

"Different cultures are everywhere. You can't just find one culture, so you have to be able to understand them and deal with them," said Junior Michael Gaither.

Some students chose to improve their understanding of different cultures by studying a foreign language. Junior Amy Mitchell took DMKC Spanish IV and planned to pursue a career dealing with another language. She said she learned by experience that the American culture is not the only culture that exists.

"I am living proof. When I went to Venezuela, I thought that it would be just like it is here, only Spanish-speaking, but I was wrong. It was

totally different - a different culture, different food, a totally different way of life," said Mitchell.

While learning the ways of a new culture, while maintaining elements of her own, Senior Toan Nguyen became very adaptable.

"I speak Vietnamese at home, and I am Buddhist, so I have a different home-life than most American families. And, hey, I want to be able to read the signs that are in Spanish at work, too," said Nguyen.

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SENIOR GINA SOLDI DANCES THE NIGHT AWAY WHILE ON VACATION IN VENEZUELA. TRAVELING TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO LEARN ANOTHER LANGUAGE WHILE EXPERIENCING THE CULTURE AND LIFE-STYLE.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

RIPPING THE WRAPPING PAPER FROM THEIR NEW GIFTS, JUNIORS EMMA WATSON AND ANITA TRAN EXCHANGE PRESENTS AT A GIFT EXCHANGE DURING THE FINAL FRENCH CLUB MEETING BEFORE WINTER BREAK. CLUB ACTIVITIES WERE NOT ALWAYS ACADEMICALLY FOCUSED, BUT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BUILT FRIENDSHIPS.

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GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENT KATHLEEN LOHE CARVES A PUMPKIN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE. LEARNING THE VARIOUS WAYS PEOPLE CELEBRATED HOLIDAYS WAS A FUN WAY FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS TO LEARN THE WAYS OF A NEW CULTURE.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SOPHOMORES ANDREW BARTH AND SHAUN WILLIAMS MAKE "OJO DE DIOS" IN SPANISH II TO LEARN ABOUT AN ANCIENT TRADITION THAT DATES BACK TO 300 B.C. BESIDES LEARNING TO SPEAK THE LANGUAGE, STUDENTS ALSO STUDIED FOREIGN RELIGIONS, SUPERSTITIONS AND TRADITIONS.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

JUNIOR NAN LOU STANDS WITH HER PARENTS IN FRONT OF THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA IN BEIJING, DURING THE SUMMER OF 1999. LOU EXPERIENCED A DIFFERENT CULTURE ON A DAILY BASIS DUE TO HER ORIENTAL BACKGROUND.

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Senior Jeff Peak, Freshman Richie Hill and Sophomore Adam Rodriguez climb into Senior Jeff Hill's monster truck on the way to church services. Carpooling helped save students money on weekend activities.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



SENIORS CARRIE HOWARD AND FATIMA GONZALEZ, AND JUNIOR TIARA WEATHERSBY WORK TIRELESSLY FOLDING CLOTHES AT OLD NAVY. WEEKEND AND EVENING JOBS GAVE STUDENTS MONEY FOR EXPENSES SUCH AS GAS AND FOOD AND OTHER NECESSITIES.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

WARD PARKWAY SHOPPING CENTER WAS HEADQUARTERS FOR GOOD MOVIES, DECENT FOOD AND GREAT TIMES. WARD PARKWAY WAS ALSO A WORK PLACE. MANY CENTER STUDENTS FOUND EMPLOYMENT AT AMC MOVIE THEATRE AND OTHER LOCATIONS WITHIN THE MALL.

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School's out for...the weekend

Every Friday at 2:40, a sigh of relief raised from the lungs of every CHS student. The relief came from the arrival of the much-anticipated Friday night. Thoughts of sleeping late on Saturday and the activities of a fun-filled Sunday mulled through their heads.


"On Saturday nights, I go to Rock-a-Bowl at Ward Parkway Bowling Lanes. There's music and I like to dance to the twisted beats of rap," said Junior Kerri Knox.

Others preferred the traditional dinner and a movie.

"I just rent a movie, like the Matrix. It's awesome," said Sophomore Alex Rouse.


But just as soon as the Sunday-evening sporting event comes to an end, students begin bracing themselves for another week of strenuous mind activities, tests and infamous school lunches.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THE 2:40 BELL RINGS?



"I GO TO MOVIES, DANCING, TO THE MALL AND CHOIR PRACTICE ON SATURDAY. THEN ON SUNDAY, I GO TO CHURCH."

CHRISTIAN RANDLE



"I USUALLY GO WITH A GROUP OF FRIENDS AND MESS AROUND WITH JOHNSON-COUNTY PEOPLE."

JOANNA DORIA



FRESHMAN MATT GATEWOOD REFRAINS FROM HIS WILD PARTYING FOR ONE EVENING AND SPENDS IT WITH HIS SONY PLAYSTATION. GAME SYSTEMS WERE POPULAR COMPANIONS FOR THE WEEKEND BECAUSE OF REALISTIC GRAPHICS AND HOURS OF FUN.

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THOUGH NOT EXACTLY A HOMECOMING ACTIVITY, DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL BRIAN SCHUMANN CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY DURING THE MIDST OF THE SPIRIT WEEK FRENZY. SCHUMANN WAS GREETED BY DECORATIONS OUTSIDE THE BUILDING AS WELL AS IN HIS OFFICE.

PHOTO BY JACKIE CARR

SENIOR RASHAWDA WALKER HELPS WORKS ON THE POM SIGN FOR THE SENIOR FLOAT THE NIGHT BEFORE THE PARADE AND FLOAT COMPETITION. SOME SENIORS SACRIFICED THEIR ENTIRE NIGHT OF SLEEP TO GET THE FLOAT LOOKING GOOD.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



POLLINATORS WORK IT DURING THE HOMECOMING SPIRIT ASSEMBLY. DURING THIS TIME, JUDGES OBSERVED ALL THE FLOATS ONE LAST TIME BEFORE MAKING THEIR FINAL DECISION, WHICH WOULD BE ANNOUNCED AT THE HOMECOMING GAME HALFTIME.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

SENIOR HOMECOMING KING QUINTON RANDLE DANCES WITH CHEERLEADING SPONSOR SUE BLEW. A SPECIAL DANCE WAS DESIGNATED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE HOMECOMING KING.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Quite the Unique Experience

Homecoming at Center is an event that has never been taken lightly. Hours and hours of work go into a week that is gone as quickly as it arrives. But there is one thing about Center Homecoming that never fails - its quality to make students stand out in the craziest ways.

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Homecoming at Center High School is one like no other. On the first Monday of Spirit Week one might see someone walking around in pajamas or even someone decked out in 80's garb. Whether it was a purple wig or an administrative-looking suit, Spirit Week was definitely unique.

Of the many events during Spirit Week, most students seem to enjoy dressing up the most.

"Homecoming is always the

funniest thing to watch. People act so weird," Senior Gina Soldi said.

The Friday of Spirit Week is usually one of craziness. The morning is filled with students walking around in costume preparing for the Homecoming parade. It's also filled with angry-looking teachers wishing they could just teach without half of their class missing.

"It can be really hard to teach important subjects, such as math, when there are six people in a

parade instead of in my class," said Math Teacher Terri Hardy.

The night of the Homecoming game is one filled with school spirit. The crowd varies from people in overalls, band uniforms and sequence gowns. This is the night the royalty court is presented to the school. It's a night when everyone is tense and excited and nervous all wrapped up into one. Who will be rewarded for their long hours of

work on the float? Who will be the next to receive the Center High School Homecoming Crown?

After the dust had cleared and all was settled, Players 58 walked away with the first place prize for their float, and Seniors Amy Johnson and Quintin Randle were crowned Homecoming Queen and King.



PLAYERS 58 MEMBERS SHOW OFF THEIR 1890'S-THEMED HOMECOMING FLOAT. THE IDEA WAS TO HELP PUBLICIZE THE UPCOMING PLAY, *LITTLE WOMEN*. PLAYERS 58 WON FIRST PLACE IN THE FLOAT COMPETITION.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

SOPHOMORE ABBY HEFFERNAN WORKS WITH HER DAD ON THE SOPHOMORE'S FLOAT. PARENTS WERE OFTEN USED AS AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE FOR WORKING ON FLOATS AT THE LAST MINUTE.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ



CENTER GRADUATE REAGAN TOWNSEND ACCOMPANIES PRINCIPAL BRIAN SCHUMANN IN THE HOMECOMING PARADE. TOWNSEND WAS THE 1998 HOMECOMING QUEEN AND ATTENDED THE CERIMONIES TO CROWN THE NEW QUEEN.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Leading With Distinction

National Honor Society is a club which allows honor students to get together to help out their community. Four main qualifications must be met to be accepted in this club. First, qualification is in academics, where one must earn a Grade Point Average of at least 3.5. Secondly, a student must participate in community service and work in two community organizations. The third qualification one needs is good character. NHS does its part in the community by hosting a blood drive, which was held on March 15 as well as Adopt A Highway. They also ushered at school functions such as football games. The community was definitely made a better place thanks to NHS.

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THE 99-00 INDUCTEES OF N.H.S. RECITE THE N.H.S. PLEDGE DURING THE INDUCTION CEREMONY. THE CHOSEN INDUCTEES WE BASED ON A 3.5 GPA, LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.
PHOTO BY JACKIE CARR



QUILL & SCROLL: ROW ONE: KERRI KNOX, ADVISOR KATHY YATES, RENEE' BETTS ROW TWO: FATIMA GONZALEZ, TIARA WEATHERSBY, JOEY BRAKE, CARRIE HOWARD, NEIL CORRISTON, ANDREW JOHNSON ROW THREE: ANDREA NOBLE, AMBER GILLILAND, MELISSA EBBERTS, MARCUS STANLEY, JOANNA DORIA, VICTORIA LOMAS, AMY CARR, SCOTT SHANNAHAN ROW FOUR: MATT DAGGETT



TRYING TO STAY COOL FROM THE HOT SUN AND HAVE FUN AT THE SAME TIME, JUNIORS AMY CARR AND TIARA WEATHERSBY ENJOY A FUN DAY AT A QUILL AND SCROLL PARTY AT JOURNALISM INSTRUCTOR KATHY YATES' HOUSE. Q AND S IS AN HONOR SOCIETY FOR ASPIRING JOURNALISTS.

PHOTO BY KATHY YATES

EXCITED BECAUSE HE GOT INTO THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, JUNIOR LUCAS WALLINGFORD PROUDLY EXCEPTS HIS N.H.S.' CERTIFICATE AND PIN FROM MR. SCHUMANN. THE INDUCTION CEREMONY WAS HELD IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA ON NOV. 16, 1999.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU WERE INDUCTED IN NHS?



**"I FELT SOMEWHAT RELIEVED AND HAPPY THAT I GOT IN"
 JUNIOR PHIL BECKER**



HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU GOT INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY?



"I FELT VERY HONORED TO BE A PART OF THIS GREAT SOCIETY."

SOPHOMORE JAKE HOWARD

QUILL AND SCROLL'S MEMBERS AMBER GILLILAND, JOANNA DORIA AND MEGAN RUSSELL POSE AS CHARLES' ANGELS WHILE TAKING A BREAK FROM WORKING HARD IN JOURNALISM CLASS.

PHOTO BY KATHY YATES



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: ROW ONE: SHANNON HEFFERNAN, ERIN ANDERSEN, STEPHEN JOHN, AMY MITCHELL, GINA SOLDI, LINDSEY WEAVER ROW TWO: MARY AJJARAPU, PASHA HOSSEINI, FATIMA GONZALEZ ROW THREE: ANANDA BALUCOM, JEFF PEAK, CARRIE HOWARD



SENIOR FATIMA GONZALEZ TAKES A BREAK FROM WORKING HARD IN JOURNALISM TEACHER KATHY YATES' YEARBOOK CLASS. YEAR ROUND, THE YEARBOOK STAFF WORKS HARD TO PUT TOGETHER A MEMORY BOOK WHICH WILL LAST A LIFE TIME.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

New Faces Create New Results

A new teacher comes to make a difference. The first year of teaching is a big challenge. Building up a program is hard for anyone, but when a coach is willing to work hard and do his or her best, it's not as hard as someone might think.

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This year, the Debate and Forensics Teams were under the direction of a new coach. Katie Cox came to Center to make changes and build up the debate program. The Debate and Forensics Teams were able to compete in many more tournaments than in years past, and they even hosted the Conference tournament. Members of the team kept a positive attitude re-

garding the changes that took place in the department.

"We have had a lot of opportunities this year. Ms. Cox is great. She works hard to get things done," said Senior Joe Carr.

Success also came with these changes. Many students won awards-including the novice debaters.

The Debate and Forensics teams also worked to recruit for next year. Trips to the middle school took place in order to make students more aware of the program.

Carr said, "It is going to take some time to totally build up the program to where it was, but we are optimistic."

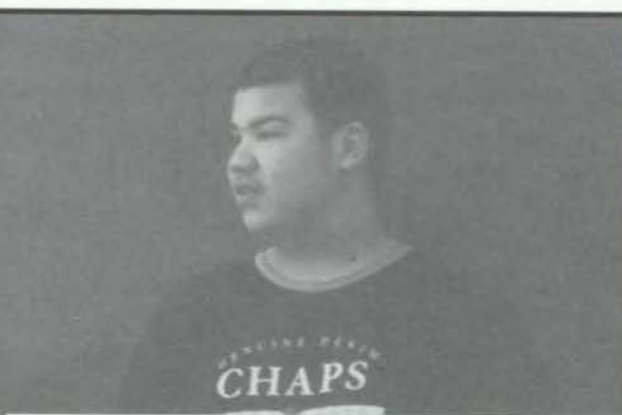
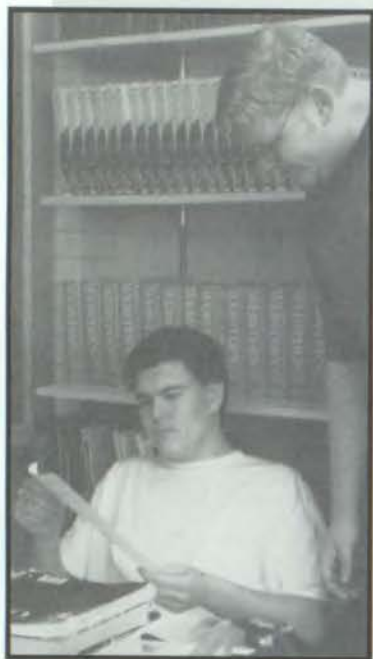
JUNIOR TONY ANTONELLO AND SENIOR ZACH PEISTER WORK TOGETHER TO PUT FINISHING TOUCHES ON THEIR ARGUMENTS. PEER EDITING WAS AN IMPORTANT TOOL USED IN DEBATE CLASS.

PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD

JUNIORS TONY ANTONELLO AND DAVID JOHNSON WORK ON THEIR ARGUMENTS FOR THEIR UP-COMING DEBATE TOURNAMENT. ALTHOUGH DEBATE WAS MONO E MONO, A PARTNER HELPING TO MAKE ARGUMENTS STRONGER WAS A VALUABLE ASSET.

PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD

DEBATE SPONSORS DAVID PARKER AND KATE COX WORK LATE HOURS TO MAKE SURE THE DEBATERS ARE WELL-PREPARED FOR TOURNAMENTS. BEING NEW LEADERS OF A DISTINGUISHED DEPARTMENT MEANT HOURS OF PREPARATION TO REACH PERFECTION. PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD

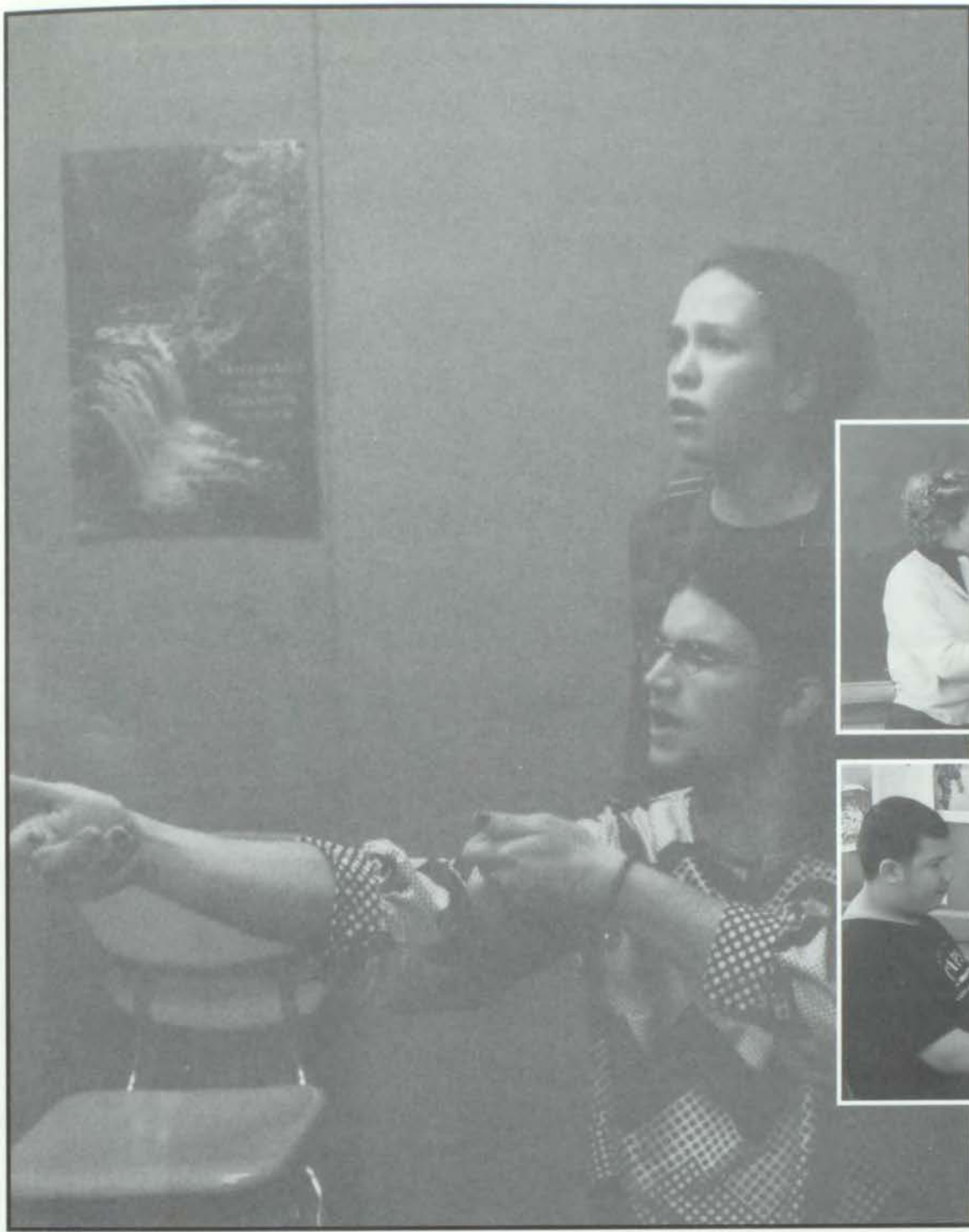


SOPHOMORE BECKY BRAKE AND JUNIOR KAYLA BIRCH PRACTICE THEIR PIECE, "SOUL GONE HOME" BY LANGSTON HUGHES. DEBATE AND FORENSICS ALLOWED STUDENTS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES THROUGH THE WORK THEY DID.

PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD

SENIOR JOE CARR READS A NEWSPAPER TO PREPARE FOR HIS NEXT DEBATE, DOMESTIC EXTEMP. DOMESTIC EXTEMP WAS A TYPE OF DEBATE WHERE THE DEBATER HAD TO BE AWARE OF CURRENT EVENTS AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE PROS AND CONS OF CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS.

PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD



JOE CARR AND SHANNON HEFFERNAN PRACTICE FOR THEIR PIECE. CARR AND HEFFERNAN TOOK FIRST PLACE ALL-CONFERENCE, PROVING TO THEM AND OTHERS THAT PRACTICE TRULY MADE PERFECT.

PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD

TEACHER KATIE COX HELPS SENIOR ZACH PEISTER ORGANIZE HIS DEBATE ARGUMENTS. ALTHOUGH COX WAS NEW TO CHS, SHE QUICKLY BECAME ACCUSTOMED TO THE TIME-CONSUMING JOB.

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JUNIOR DAVID JOHNSON CONDUCTS INTERNET RESEARCH ON HIS LATEST DEBATE TOPIC. THE INTERNET WAS A USEFUL TOOL FOR GATHERING DATA.

PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD

What is your favorite thing about Debate?

"MY FAVORITE PART OF DEBATE IS THAT WE GET TO PICK OUR OWN EVENTS. WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THINGS THAT WE DON'T WANT TO. THAT MAKES IT EASIER."

JAMES WARREN

"MY FAVORITE ASPECT OF DEBATE IS THAT WE HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY OF CHOOSING WHAT WE BELIEVE IS THE RIGHT THING FOR US TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL. IF I FEEL READY TO COMPETE, I CAN, BUT IF I DON'T, I DON'T HAVE TO."

NAKITA LOPEZ

THE DANCE LINE TAKES TIME TO BE ACT GOOFY, BETWEEN THE RIGOROUS SCHEDULE TO THE ROAD TO SUCCESS. BONDING AMONG TEAM MEMBERS WAS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE IT HELPED DANCE LINE MEMBERS FEEL MORE LIKE A FAMILY.

PHOTO DONATED BY AMY JOHNSON



SENIOR GINA SOLDI AND FRESHMAN ANDREA ISOM MAN THE FRONT LINES FOR THE DANCE LINE. PRECISION, PERFORMANCE AND PERSISTENCE WERE IMPORTANT IN CREATING A QUALITY DANCE LINE TROUPE

PHOTO BY MEGAN RUSSELL



SENIOR GINA SOLDI FEEDS SENIOR MORGAN RIDGEWAY A NIBBLET OF A CARROT, DANCING WAS A VERY STRENUOUS ACTIVITY AND ONE'S BODY REQUIRED NOURISHMENT IN ORDER TO COMPETE AT PEAK PERFORMANCE.

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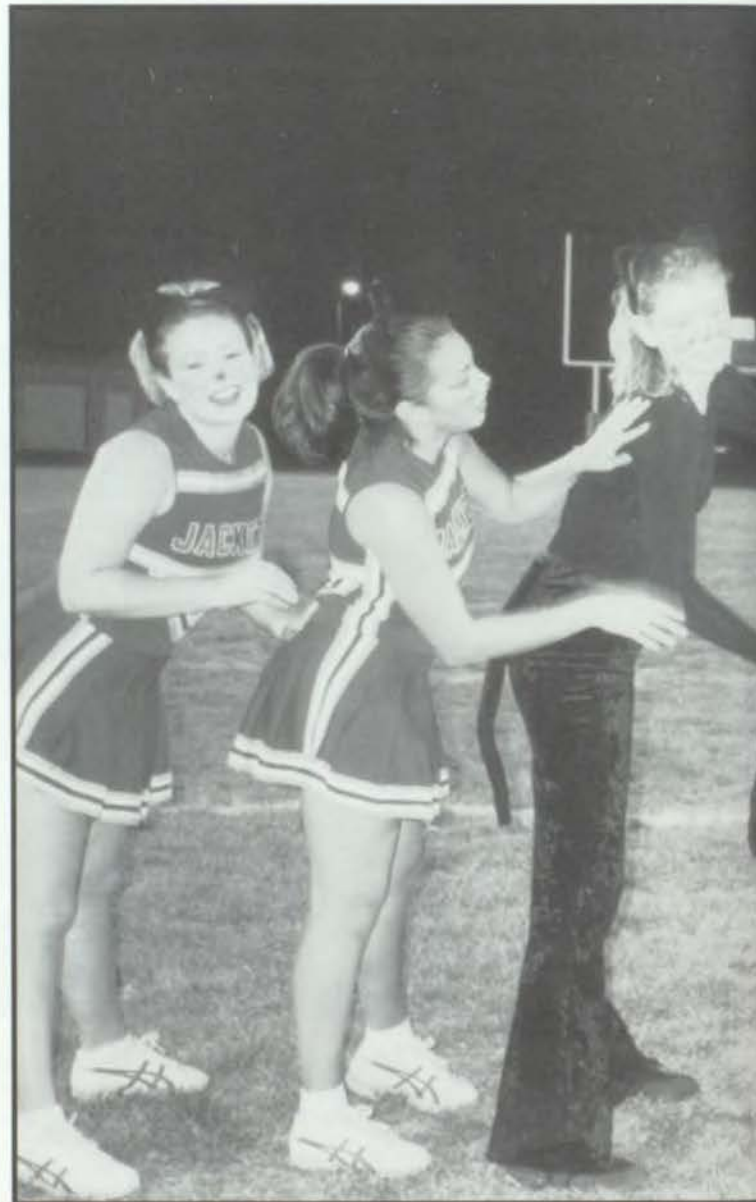
SENIOR CARRIE HOWARD AND FRESHMAN LAUREN HAMILTON SLAVE AWAY IN THE HOT SUN AS THE DANCE LINE HOLDS A CAR WASH TO RAISE FUNDS FOR EXPENSES. A CAR WASH WAS AN EASY WAY TO MAKE A LOT OF MONEY AND TO HAVE FUN WITH THE SOAP AND HOSE.

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SENIORS MORGAN RIDGEWAY, AMY JOHNSON, CARRIE HOWARD, RENEE BETTS AND GINA SOLDI DANCE THEIR OWN VERSION OF THE CONGA LINE. THIS POPULAR GROUP DANCE WAS SHOWN OFF DURING THE SENIOR FOOTBALL GAME/BAND MASQUERADE HALFTIME SHOW.

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Dancin, Dancin, Dancin - Dance Machine

As students hurried to their classes at 7:45 a.m., another class had already begun, Dance Line. Every morning at 7:15, these dance machines sweated through their morning workout and then proceeded to Marching Band at 7:45.

"It's hard to wake up every day at six in the morning, in order to be at school by 7:15, but you have to be a winning squad," said Senior Lyndsey Nixon.

Every morning these dedicated dancers did leg lifts, 300 sit-ups, 40 push-ups and practiced doing the splits. However, the countless hours of drilling came to a climax as the Dance Line entered a fun and triumphant season, placing third in dance completion at the Carrollton competition, and a second-place trophy in 3-A novelty dance at District competition in St. Louis.

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WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE DANCING MOMENT?



"WHILE WE WERE IN ST. LOUIS, WE GOT A CHANCE TO BOND AS A TEAM. WE HAD A LASER-LIGHT SHOW IN OUR ROOM WITH GLOW STICKS. IT WAS AN EXCITING WEEKEND."

FRESHMAN COURTNEY HOWARD



"MY FAVORITE MEMORY OF THIS YEAR WAS WHEN I MADE THE SQUAD. I WORKED REALLY HARD AND I SUCCEEDED."

SOPHOMORE ARTESHA GLADNEY



DANCE LINE: ROW ONE: AMY JOHNSON, TIARA WEATHERSBY, LYNDSEY NIXON, ARTESHA GLADNEY **ROW TWO:** JENNIFER FLETCHER, ASHLEY CASHEN, SEAN KELLY, JOANNA DORIA, JILL MCCALMAN **ROW THREE:** COURTNEY HOWARD, MORGAN RIDGEWAY, RENEE' BETTS, LAURA DOARN, SHANNON DRUMMOND, LAUREN HAMILTON **ROW FOUR:** COLEETA WEBB, GINA SOLDI, CARRIE HOWARD, ANDREA ISOM

End of an Era

After over 80 games, 100 hours of practice and dealing with lots of mud, a high-school soccer career came to a close for eight departing seniors. For these players, different things will be missed.

Senior Neil Corriston said, "I'll miss being part of a team, because it's not an individual sport - it's a family and Duske is the Dad."

Senior Jeff Peak said, "I just miss playing soccer."

After a season powered by man seniors, a new season awaited ready to step up, ready for a new season.

"It will be a much younger team next year with only three seniors and very few juniors, so a large role will be on the sophomores," said Head Coach Chuck Duske. "We'll have a lot of players who won't be that experienced at being leaders."

The underclassmen did, however, get a taste of leadership due to numerous injuries during season.

"The freshmen showed good skills with the lack of experience," said Senior Nick Scheuerman.

Junior Jay Barry said he looks forward to stepping up next season but said he will also miss the seniors because of, "how much fun we had."

"I'll have to have a lot more dedication to lead the team," said

Barry.

Freshman Scott Fahrmeier agreed that the season was fun.

"It was a thumbs-up experience," Fahrmeier said.

As the season ended, the Class of 2000 hoped they left some words of wisdom for the squad.

Senior Scott Shannahan said, "I hope future teams will have fun and make the upperclassmen proud."

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FRESHMAN BEN BLACKMAN KEEPS A CLOSE EYE ON THE MATCH. BY CAREFUL OBSERVATION, THE PLAYERS ON THE BENCH KNEW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO WHEN THEY CHECKED INTO THE GAME.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

FRESHMAN MATT GATEWOOD ATTEMPTS TO GET AWAY FROM TWO DEFENDERS WHILE KEEPING CONTROL OF THE BALL. A KEY TO BEING OFFENDER WAS KEEPING A GOOD HANDLE ON THE BALL.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

SENIOR GOALKEEPER JOEY BRAKE HELPS HIS REPLACEMENT GOALIE PRACTICE BY WARMING UP WITH HIM. BREAKING HIS FOOT WAS ONE OF MANY INJURIES THAT OCCURRED DURING THE SEASON.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ



SENIOR BRANDON BAILEY DRIBBLES PAST TWO KEARNEY DEFENDERS. GOOD HANDLING OF THE BALL BECAME A KEY ELEMENT DURING CLOSE MATCHES.

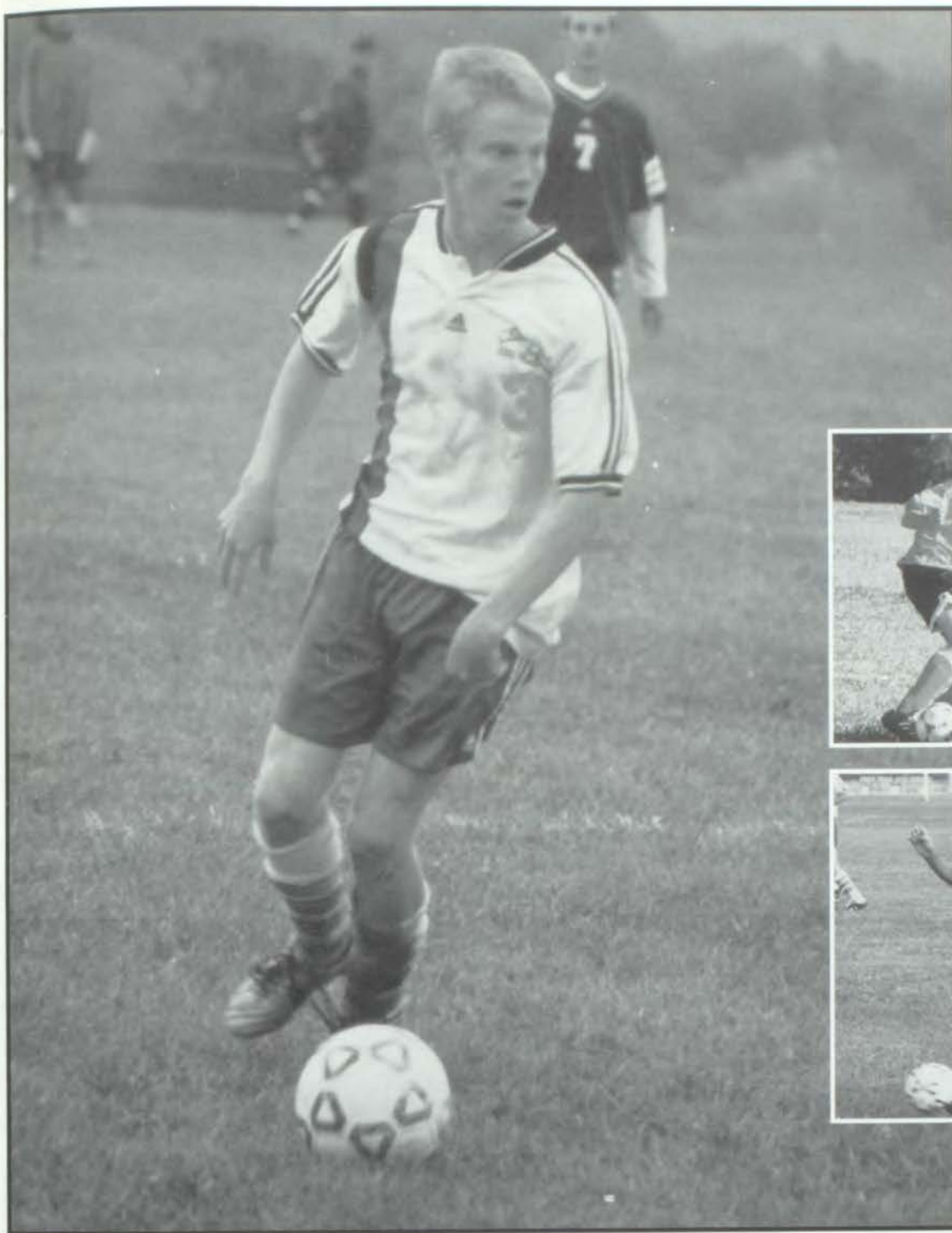
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SOPHOMORE ADAM RODRIGUEZ AND FRESHMAN BRIAN WELLINGTON HUDDLE UP TO FORM A DEFENSIVE WALL. AS FUNNY AS IT LOOKS, PLAYERS HAD TO SACRIFICE THEIR BODIES IN ORDER TO SAVE WHAT MIGHT BE A GOAL.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ






SENIOR JEFF HILL CHECKS OUT THE FIELD TO FIND AN OPEN TEAMMATE. GOOD COMMUNICATION DURING THE GAME SOMETIMES CHANGED A LOSING GAME TO A VICTORY.
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SENIOR NICK SCHEUERMAN SLIDE-TACKLES THE BALL AWAY FROM HIS OPPONENT FROM HICKMAN MILLS. SLIDE TACKLING WAS AN IMPORTANT SKILL THAT WOULD ONLY WORK WHEN PRACTICED.
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FRESHMAN RYAN RACCUGLIA BATTLES IT OUT WITH AN EXCEL-SIOR SPRINGS DEFENDER. RACCUGLIA LEARNED HOW TO KEEP THE BALL FROM HIS OPPONENTS BY PRACTICING SEVERAL DRILLS DURING WORKOUTS.

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BOYS SOCCER TEAM: ROW ONE: BEN BLACKMAN, JEFF HILL, NAVEED SIDDIQI, JOEY BRAKE, CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, JAY BARRY, IBAD SIDDIQI, SCOTT FAHRMEIER. ROW TWO: MANAGERS LISA WELLINGTON AND FATMA GONZALEZ. ROW THREE: ASST. COACH ANDY HANCH, NICK SCHEUERMAN, RYAN RACCUGLIA, SCOTT SHANNAHAN, JEFF PEAK, BRANDON BAILEY, ADAM RODRIGUEZ, MATT GATEWOOD, NEIL CORRISTON, TIM PHILLIPS, BRIAN WELLINGTON. NOT PICTURED: COACH CHUCK DUSE.

BOYS' VARSITY SOCCER

SEASON RECORD 6-10-2

CHS 1 KEARNEY	9	CHS 1 HARRISONVILLE	1
CHS 3 SMITHVILLE	2	CHS 0 PARK HILL SOUTH	4
CHS 3 EXC. SPRINGS	1	CHS 4 EXC. SPRINGS	0
CHS 6 HICKMAN MILLS	1	CHS 1 BELTON	1
CHS 1 RAY-PEC	2	CHS 6 HICKMAN MILLS	0
CHS 0 RAYTOWN SOUTH	3	CHS 1 O'HARA	2
CHS 1 GRANDVIEW	7	CHS 0 RAY-PEC	2
CHS 4 ENG. CHRISTIAN	3	CHS 0 RAYTOWN SOUTH	2
CHS 3 PEM. HILL	7	CHS 0 PARK HILL SOUTH	6



AT A BOYS' BASKETBALL GAME, ERICA TURNER, JESSICA BYRD, TANIKA WALLACE AND SHANTOYA JONES PERFORM AN ELEVATOR STUNT. DURING HALFTIME THEY PUMPED UP THE CROWD WITH CHEERS AND STUNTS.
PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



CHEERLEADERS JUNIOR LATOYA PERRY, JUNIOR JOANNA GITTERMAN AND SOPHOMORE ERICA TURNER BOOST SENIOR AMY JOHNSON AS THEY DO A CHEER AT A PEP ASSEMBLY. THE GIRLS MEMORIZED MANY CHEERS TO EXCITE THE CROWD.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR



AT A PEP ASSEMBLY, THE CHEERLEADERS SHOW OFF THEIR TALENT, PERFORMING DIFFICULT STUNTS. THE CHEERLEADERS SPENT HOURS PERFECTING STUNTS THAT SOMETIMES PROVED TO BE DANGEROUS.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR

JUNIOR VARSITY AND VARSITY CHEERLEADERS SHOW THAT THEY KNOW HOW TO DANCE AND BOOGIE AS THEY WORK UP A SWEAT PERFORMING AT A PEP ASSEMBLY.
PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



DURING FOOTBALL SEASON DURING THE HOMECOMING PARADE, THE CHEERLEADERS SHOW THEIR SCHOOL SPIRIT. THE CHEERLEADERS ARGUED THAT THEIR FLOAT WAS THE BEST, ALTHOUGH PLAYERS 58 TOOK THE FIRST-PLACE PRIZE.
PHOTO BY KATHY YATES



Showing School Pride

B-E A-G-G-R-E-S-S-I-V-E - "Be aggressive!"

The CHS cheerleaders were very aggressive when it came to supporting the teams. They jumped, danced, shouted and showed their spirit. The girls became involved in cheerleading for many different reasons.

"I wanted to be more involved in school activities and also - the uniforms are cute," said Junior Rashawnda Walker.

Sophomore Abby Heffernan said, "I enjoy cheering and it's another activity I am involved in that will keep me in shape."

Cheerleading had its ups and downs. Freshman Jasmine Payne had an embarrassing moment or two.

"My most embarrassing moment was when I was cheering and went up for a toe touch and fell back on the stage. I hit the ground so hard," Payne said.

So what does it take to be a leader of CHS spirit?

Jessica Byrd, freshman, said, "I don't think you have to be physically fit to be a cheerleader. All you really have to do is know how to yell and learn the cheers."

The combination of memorization, dedication and hard work made a successful cheering squad.

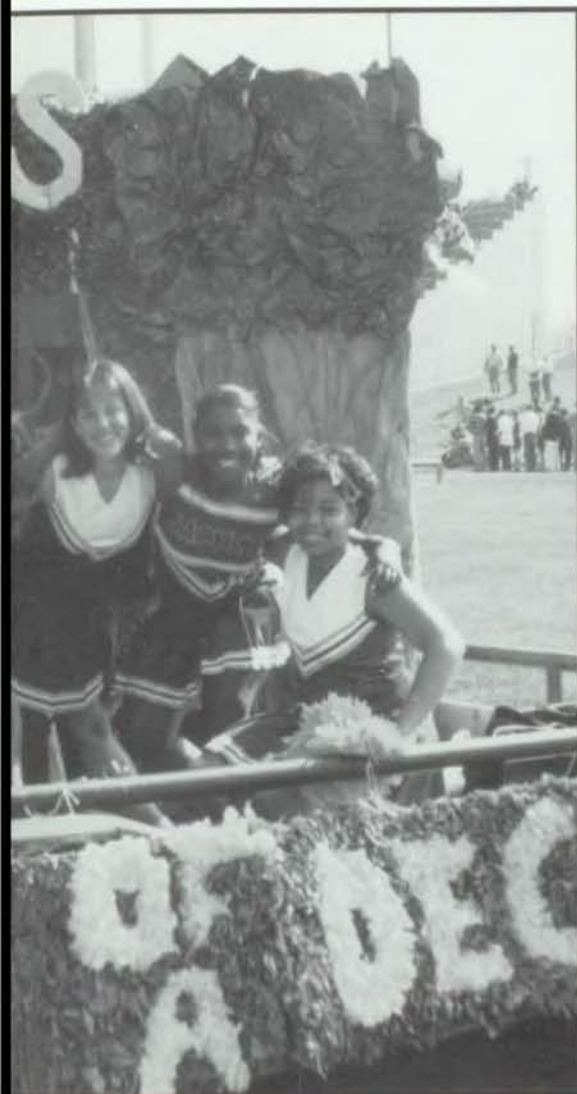
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WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT CHEERLEADING?

"I LIKED THE EXCITEMENT OF CHEERING ON C.H.S. TEAMS. IT'S JUST FUN, PLUS, I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A CHEERLEADER." **AMANDA CORBIN**

"IT WAS FUN AND I LIKED BEING A PART OF SCHOOL SPIRIT. I ALSO NEEDED THE EXERCISE."

ERICA TURNER



JOANNA GITTERMAN, RASHAWNDA WALKER, AMY JOHNSON, MORGAN RIDGEWAY AND AMANDA CORBIN LISTEN TO HEAR WHICH SIDE OF THE PEP ASSEMBLY AUDIENCE IS THE LOUDEST. THE CLASS-CHEER CONTEST WAS ALWAYS A FAVORITE AT PEP ASSEMBLIES.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

THE JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS JOIN IN A HITCH POSITION. THE GIRLS PERFECTED MANY MOVES AND DANCES TO SHOW THE CROWD WHAT THEY WERE MADE OF.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

How would you describe Drum Line?

IN SIX WORDS OR LESS



"A BUNCH OF STICK-TWILING FREAKS."

JUNIOR ANDREA NOBLE

"THEY'RE FREAKIN' AWESOME (TIMES 2)!"

SOPHOMORE ALEX ROUSE



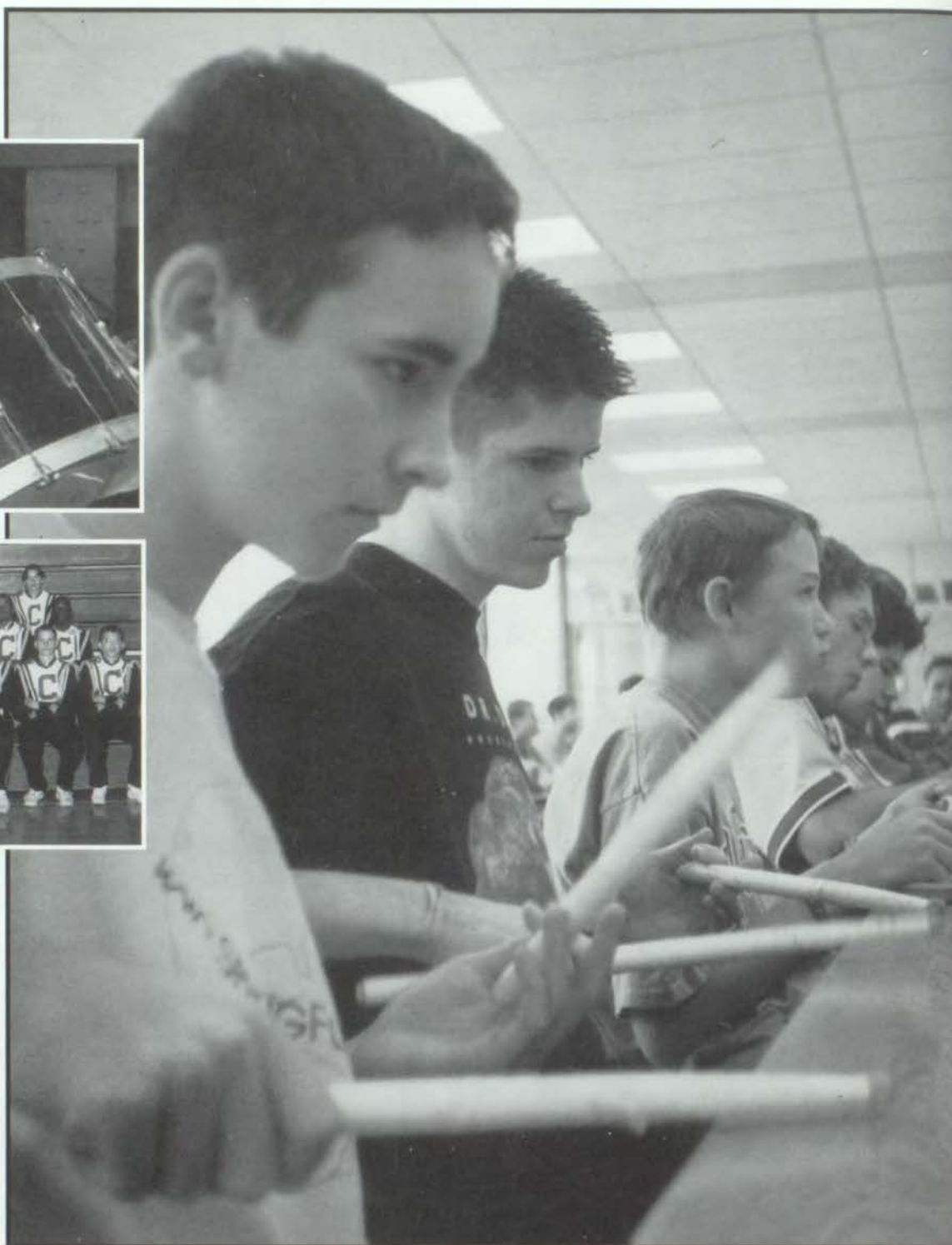
THE FIRST BASKETBALL GAME OF THE YEAR WAS A VERY EXCITING EVENT FOR THOSE INVOLVED. PASHA HOSSEINI, SENIOR, PRACTICED IN THE BAND ROOM BEFORE THE GAME.
PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



DRUM LINE: ROW ONE: AMANDA THOMAS, ALEX MOSS, JAKE HOWARD, PHILIP BECKER, PASHA HOSSEINI, CHRIS LOWRY, CHRIS BELLANTE **ROW TWO:** CHARLIE MORGAN, BECKY BRAKE, LEONARD DAVIS, WALTER TOWNSEND, ASHLEE DUCKWORTH **ROW THREE:** HALLE GOTTFREDSON, TOAN NGUYEN, FATIMA GONZALEZ, AUBREE YESLEY, MICHAEL FLORES

DRUMMERS CAN BE FOUND TAPPING ON JUST ABOUT ANYTHING. JUNIORS PHIL BECKER AND JAKE HOWARD TAKE A COUPLE OF MINUTES OF FREE TIME IN LUNCH TO PERFECT THEIR TECHNIQUES.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ





NOT EVERYONE IN THE MARCHING YELLOWJACKETS MARCHES. THE PIT, PART OF DRUM LINE, IS THE STATIONARY PART OF THE BAND. JUNIORS AMANDA THOMAS, AUBREE YEISLEY AND JAKE HOWARD, FRESHMAN MICHAEL FLORES AND SENIOR FATIMA GONZALEZ PLAY AS THE BAND MARCHES BEHIND THEM. PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

DRESSED AS TIKKI GODS, FRESHMAN ALEX MOSS AND JUNIORS PHILLIP BECKER AND JAKE HOWARD KEEP THE RHYTHM DURING THE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SHOW. THESE ORIGINAL COSTUMES HELPED ADD TO THE FUN ATMOSPHERE OF THE EVENT. PHOTO BY TIARA WEATHERSBY



THE QUAD DRUM IS NOT ONLY INTERESTING TO LOOK AT, BUT IS ALSO GOOD FOR KEEPING RHYTHM. SENIOR CHRIS LOWRY AND FRESHMAN CHRIS BELLANTE PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST PEP ASSEMBLY OF THE YEAR. EACH OF THE FOUR SMALL DRUMS ON THE QUAD DRUM PROVIDES A DIFFERENT SOUND AND HELPS ADD RICHNESS TO THE TONE OF THE MUSIC BEING PLAYED.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



WHERE'S THE DRUM LINE? WITH EVERYONE DRESSED IN UNIFORM TELLING PEOPLE APART CAN SOMETIMES BE DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, WITH DRUMS ON, THESE MUSICIANS ARE EASILY DISTINGUISHABLE. PHOTO BY CHUCK HOWARD

Drum Line Holds Titillating Memories of 1999



The Drum Line had a year full of playful, spirited and worthwhile experiences. One impressive moment was Drum Line's third-place win at the Blue Springs Marching Festival.

"Blue Springs was my best experience. It was the best everyone has ever done in my four years, and I got to be a part of it," said Senior Toan Nguyen.

Being able to actually receive the award was Phillip

Becker's favorite experience.

Also during this year, new members, not only freshmen, auditioned for Drum Line. Many of them auditioned for the same reason.

"I disliked playing my flute and I didn't want to march," said Junior Halle Gottfredson.

"I just didn't want to march," said Junior Aubree Yeisley.

"I was in the Pit last year, and

it was so much fun that I had to come back and do it again. I can't play my flute anyway," said veteran senior member Fatima Gonzalez.

According to most members of the Drum Line, although the year was full of successes, there is always room for improvement. Even so, the line still had a year full of new people, new experiences and new memories.

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THE ANTICIPATION OF A PEP ASSEMBLY WAS EXCITING, AND HEARING THE DRUMMERS PLAY WHILE WALKING DOWN THE HALLS ADDED TO THE EXCITEMENT. THE "PIED PIPER MARCH" IS AN OLD CENTER TRADITION.)

PHOTO BY BOB MOSS

Second Place Ain't Bad

"WHEN THE GREAT SCORE KEEPER MARKS BY A NAME, HE MARKS NOT WHETHER THE ATHLETE WON OR LOST, BUT HOW HE OR SHE PLAYED THE GAME." WITH THIS SENTENCE, GRANTLIN RICE SUMMED UP THE CHS FOOTBALL SEASON.

EVEN THOUGH THIS WASN'T THE MOST SUCCESSFUL OF FOOTBALL SEASONS AT CENTER, TOWARD THE END, FELLOWSHIP GREW BETWEEN PLAYERS. ACCORDING TO FIRST-YEAR COACH CHIP AHERN, THE BONDING OF THE TEAM WAS AN ON-GOING PROCESS.

STEVE WATSON SAID, "OVER THE SEASON, WE GOT CLOSER AND TRUSTED EACH OTHER MORE."

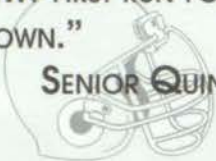
MAYBE THE SEASON WASN'T FULL OF VICTORIES OR CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUT ACCORDING TO QUINTIN RANDLE, PLAYING THE GAME THEY LOVED WAS ENOUGH TO DRIVE THE PLAYERS TO STICK IT OUT.

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WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON?

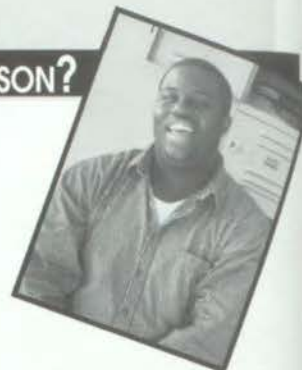
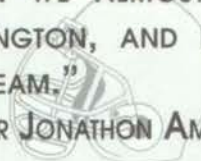
"MY FIRST RUN FOR A TOUCH-DOWN."

SENIOR QUINTIN RANDLE



"WHEN WE ALMOST BEAT WASHINGTON, AND PLAYED LIKE A TEAM."

JUNIOR JONATHAN AMERISON



WALTER TOWNSEND, SOPHOMORE, REQUIRED TWO WASHINGTON FOOTBALL PLAYERS TO TAKE HIM DOWN AFTER GAINING YARDS. TOWNSEND WAS A RUNNING BACK AND LINE BACKER FOR THE JACKETS.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

STUDENTS HUDDLE AROUND THE NEW SCHOOL MASCOT, STING, TO GREET HIM DURING THE GAME. STING WAS A GREAT SOURCE OF SPIRIT TO GET THE CROWD HYPED FOR THE GAMES.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



THE OPENING KICK-OFF IS UNDERWAY AS SENIOR JEFF PEAK BOOTS THE BALL DOWN THE FIELD. THE FOOTBALL PLAYERS ALWAYS LOOKED FORWARD TO PLAYING UNDER THE LIGHTS ON FRIDAY NIGHTS.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



SENIOR JEFF PEAK KICKS THE BALL OFF TO WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AFTER A SCORE. PEAK WAS THE KICKER FOR THE FOOTBALL SQUAD, AS WELL AS A STARTER ON THE SOCCER TEAM.

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SENIORS AMBER RANDLE AND AMBERLY WAGNER, JUNIOR PHILLIP SMITH, SOPHOMORE ARTESHA GLADNEY AND FRESHMAN MARK QUINLIN CHEER ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM. MANY STUDENTS AND FANS CAME OUT TO SUPPORT THE TEAM.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM: ROW ONE: QUINTIN RANDLE, JOSH LONG, ROBERT LOGAN, STEPHEN EALY, WALTER TOWNSEND, DAVID SPRIGGS, LANCE REDICK, TIMOTHY JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER BROCK ROW TWO: JOHN MILONE, STEVEN WATSON, JUSTIN LEFFLER, SAM WEILERT, JULIUS FLOYD, TACORIO MILLER, JONATHAN AMERSON, LENDERY COUNCIL, DARREN STONE ROW THREE: TONY ANTONELLO, WILLIAM RUNNELS, JERALD GROVES, STEVE MAY, JEFF PEAK, KYLE WILLIAMS, LOGAN GILLISPIE, BYRON DIXON, JUSTIN SHOEMAKER, RYAN KEMP

VARSITY FOOTBALL SEASON RECORD 0-10

CHS 06	RUSKIN	26	CHS 00	PARK HILL S.	46
CHS 35	WASHINGTON	41	CHS 00	RAY SOUTH	38
CHS 00	RAY-PEC	52	CHS 06	PLATTE COUNTY	47
CHS 12	HICKMAN MILLS	34	CHS 00	O'HARA	49
CHS 06	EXCELSIOR	42	CHS 12	SMITHVILLE	42

FRESHMAN SCOTT FAHRMEIER AND SENIOR JEFFERSON PEAK ATTACK THEIR OPPONENT DURING A GAME. SOCCER CLEATS HELPED THE PLAYERS HAVE MORE CONTROL ON THE FIELD.

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THE DANCE LINE WARMS UP BY DOING JUMPING JACKS TO GET READY TO COMPETE. DANCE SHOES WERE CALLED SPLIT-SOLED SHOES AND WERE VITAL TO PERFORMING CORRECTLY.

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THE MARCHING YELLOW JACKETS FOLLOW MRS. KNAPP TO THE FIELD IN CARROLLTON TO COMPETE. MARCHING SHOES WERE VERY IMPORTANT NOT ONLY FOR COMFORT DURING MARCHING BUT ALSO FOR A LOOK OF UNIFORMITY.



MEN ARE FROM MARS...

WHAT ANNOYS YOU MOST ABOUT THE OPPOSITE SEX??

"THEY THINK THEY CAN DO STUFF BETTER THAN US WHEN IT COMES TO SPORTS."

FRESHMAN STEPHANIE FRAZIER

"THE WAY THEY ALWAYS GO TO THE BATHROOM IN GROUPS - LIKE THEY NEED SUPPORT OR SOMETHING."

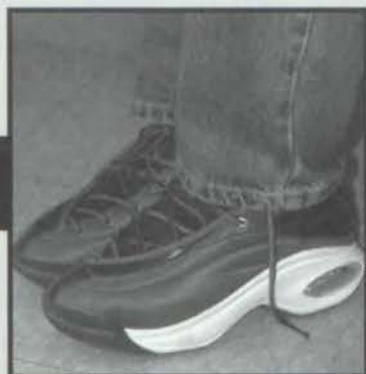
JUNIOR SEAN KELLY

SPORTIN' THE LATEST

Footwear, like many other articles of clothing, were a means of expression for students. Some students became very attached to their shoes or sandals as the case was true for Senior Shannon Heffernan.

"I wore my sandals in the snow, the rain and in kayaks. I wore them so much that my thick soles wore through to my foot."

As you can see, students held their feet to high standards. So the next time you start to make fun of someone's shoes - put a sock in it.



Learning to Take the Lead

The Girls' Tennis Team took second place in Conference on September 25 in Minor Park. Other honors included a second-place win for doubles, awarded to Halle Gotfredson and Mary Ajarapu.

The worst part about Conference was having to run from all the heckified bees," according to Junior Tiara Weathersby.

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WHAT IS THE BEST PART ABOUT TENNIS?



"THE FACT THAT WE ALL WORKED TOGETHER AND WORKED HARD AND DID OUR BEST. IT ALL PAID OFF IN THE END."

MARY AJJARAPU

"THE LAUGHS AND TRYING TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY."

SAMANTHA BALL



GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM, ROW ONE: TIARA WEATHERSBY, GLORY AJJARAPU, ANDREA NOBLE, MGR. PHILLIP SMITH, HALLE GOTFREDSON, CHEN SWANEY, MARY AJJARAPU
ROW TWO: MEGAN GRANT, KELLY SHEA, L'ARIN SMITH, SAMANTHA BALL
ROW THREE: LAURA ERICKSON, JOY STEPLEMAN, NICKI BELL, MISS ALEX ROUSE, KIMBERLY KNOWLTON, MGR. BRANDI COLEMAN

JUNIOR KIMBERLY KNOWLTON SHOWS OFF HER BACK-HAND STRENGTH AS SHE SENDS THE BALL ACROSS THE COURT. THE BACK-HAND SWING IS USUALLY A WEAK POINT FOR TENNIS PLAYERS.
 PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



Junior Andrea Noble shows off her unique serving style. The serve is one of the most important parts of the game. Many players spend hours practicing for perfection.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS

SEASON RECORD 11-4

CHS	8	BELTON	1	CHS	4	EX. SPRINGS	3
CHS	4	EX. SPRINGS	6	CHS	4	GRANDVIEW	3
CHS	7	HICK. MILLS	0	CHS	7	HICK. MILLS	0
CHS	5	RAY PEC	2	CHS	7	LINCOLN PREP	2
CHS	5	O'HARA	0	CHS	6	RUSKIN	0
CHS	6	RUSKIN	1	CHS	0	PARKHILL S.	7
CHS	0	PARKHILL So.	7				

JUNIOR HALLE GOTFREDSON AND SENIOR MARY ALJARAPU TEAM UP FOR A GAME OF DOUBLES. MANY SINGLE PLAYERS WERE ALSO NEEDED FOR DOUBLE MATCHES.

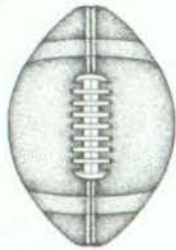
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TENNIS SEASON WAS NOT JUST A TIME TO IMPROVE SKILLS BUT A TIME TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AS WELL. FRESHMAN L'ARIN SMITH, SOPHOMORE BRANDON OLDHAM, SENIOR MELINDA GRANDI, SOPHOMORE NICOLE KING, JUNIOR MARIANNE GRANDI, FRESHMAN PAUL JOHN AND SOPHOMORE SAMANTHA BALL TAKE TIME OUT TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER WHILE TENNIS GAMES GO ON BEHIND THEM. PHOTO BY ANDREA NOBLE

JUNIOR CHERI SWEANEY RELAXES IN THE SUN WHILE WAITING FOR HER TURN TO PLAY. PLAYERS TRIED TO REST BETWEEN GAMES TO BE READY TO PLAY AGAIN.

PHOTO BY ANDREA NOBLE



BOYS' SOCCER TEAM: ROW ONE: LISA WELLINGTON, MICHAEL FLORES, RICHIE HILL, BRENT REAVES, ANDREW BARTH, IBAD SIDDIQI, FATIMA GONZALEZ ROW TWO: COACH ANDY HANCH, CHRIS JOHNSTON, SCOTT FAHRMEIER, BEN BLACKMAN, BRIAN WELLINGTON, JERMAINE MACK, RYAN RACCUGLIA, MATT GATEWOOD, MARK ROYER



JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER COACH ANDY HANCH DISCUSSES GAME STRATEGY DURING HALFTIME. THESE HALF-TIME PEP TALKS ALLOWED COACHES AND PLAYERS TO REST AND REVAMP UNSUCCESSFUL GAME STRATEGIES.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ



SCOTT FAHRMEIER, FRESHMAN, IS INJURED DURING A JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER MATCH. SEASON INJURIES, ALTHOUGH NOT NUMEROUS, WERE OFTEN DEBILITATING TO A TEAM.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

LOOKING BACK...

WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR FALL SPORT'S SEASON?



"WHEN WE FINALLY WON A GAME AND I DIDN'T GET MORE THAN 10 GOALS SCORED ON ME."

FRESHMAN BRENT REEVES

"WHEN I INJURED THREE PLAYERS FROM RAYTOWN SOUTH IN ONE GAME."

FRESHMAN TERENCE WILLIAMS



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Despite tough seasons for both the Freshman Football Team and Junior Varsity Soccer Team, much was accomplished in sharpening skills and preparing for varsity play in the future. This necessary preparation was necessary to prepare young players for the next level of competition.

The path to success had to start somewhere, and the Junior Varsity Soccer Team and Freshman Football Team was where it began.

Learning from the upper-classmen, players with more experience and sharper skills were a vital part in leading younger players to improvement.

Freshman Brent Reeves, goalie for the junior varsity soccer team, felt that the J.V. experience helped improve his skills.

"It got me used to older people and it was faster than

Leawood (soccer league)," said Reeves.

Some junior varsity soccer players got playing time in varsity games, which proved to be a change in the intensity level and speed from a J.V. game.

"Varsity is non-stop and you always have to be active," said Freshman Ben Blackman.

Playing on the Freshman Football Team was also a learning experience, according to players. Much time and effort was put forth to improve the team's performance.

Freshman Alex Isom said,

"We drilled plays over and over again. It helped my coordination and strength."

Along with all the games and all practice, came hard work to get into game shape.

Freshman Michael Groves said the toughest thing about playing on the Freshman Football Team was the extensive conditioning.

Also, becoming accustomed to high-school athletics had drawbacks. Freshman Terance Williams said being pushed around by the varsity football players was difficult because they would often

drink the freshmen's water and pour it out.

Through it all, these soccer and football players accomplished a lot during the season.

J.V. Soccer player, Sophomore Andrew Barth said, "I have learned better ball-handling skills and the shooting drills also helped."

The J.V. soccer players and freshman football players plan to use everything they learned to do well in the future when the stakes will be higher.



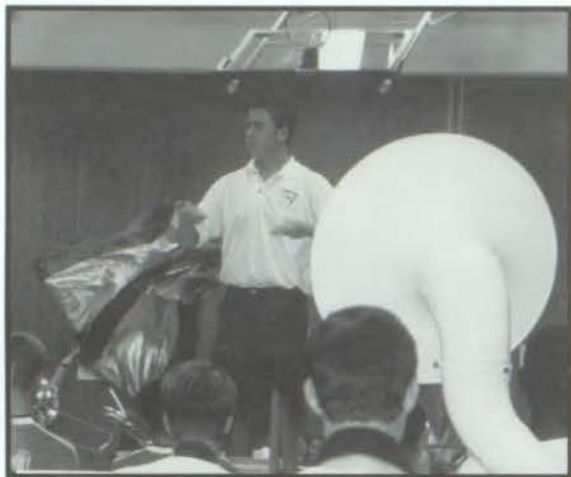
FRESHMAN FOOTBALL TEAM: ROW ONE: DANIEL BESSENBACHER, JAMAAL WILEY, DARYL GRAYER, TERANCE WILLIAMS, BRIAN HARRIS ROW TWO: LARRY THOMPSON, MICHAEL GROVES, PAUL RHODES, CURTIS PERKINS ROW THREE: MUHAMMAD KHALIFAH, ASHLEE DUCKWORTH, RASHAD HENDERSON ROW FOUR: WILLIAM HAWKINS, DANIEL WEDLOCK, ALEX ISOM

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CHS 00	PK. HILL S.	28
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MARCHING BAND MEMBERS TAKE A MOMENT TO DO THEIR TRADITIONAL BAND CHEER BEFORE A COMPETITION. THE CHEER PAID OFF, BECAUSE THE BAND TOOK HOME A SECOND-PLACE TROPHY FROM CARROLLTON BAND DAY.
PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

SENIOR NICK SNORGRASS LEADS THE WAY DURING A FALL SPIRIT ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE GYMNASIUM. SPIRIT ASSEMBLIES ROUSED SCHOOL PRIDE AND ALLOWED STUDENTS THE FREEDOM TO EXPRESS IT.
PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



MARCHING YELLOWJACKETS: ROW ONE: NICK SNORGRASS, HEATHER LOFINI, MARK ROYER, LYBSEY NIXON, ARTEMA GLADNEY, JILL McCALMAY, JOANNA DORA, CARRIE HOWARD, ASHLEY CASHEN, JENNIFER FLETCHER, TARA WEANERBY, AMY JOHNSON, HEATHER SCHOFIELD, ASST. BAND DIRECTOR TIA GREENWELL, BAND DIRECTOR CAROLYN KNAPP ROW TWO: NATALIE WEBB, AMBERLY WAGNER, ARIKA HENDERSON, CURTIS PERINEL, LAVIA VOISER, LAURA DOANIN, SEAN KELLY, SHANNON DRUMMOND, RAYJAH COLLINS, RACHEL WILLIAMS, COURTNEY HOWARD, ROSE BERRY, MORGAN REDWAY, ANNE GEDINGHAGEN, JAMES DODSON, LA'DETRA WILLIAMS, JAGURTA DOWING, ASANA BAUCOM ROW THREE: LISA WELINGTON, KAYLENE McFARLAND, JESSICA BYRD, JAMMAL SHUMATE, LINDSEY WEAVER, LAUREN HAMILTON, ANDREA BOM, NICOLE KINGS, BRANDON OLOHAM, REBECCA BRICHEL, COLESTA WEBB, GINA SODIK, CHRIS CAMPBELL, CHEY SWEANEY, ALLISON CAYTON, JAMES GYFFEN, CATHERINE BLURIC ROW FOUR: DEALYNIE SMITH, DAVID CROSSLEY, DANIEL FORSON, KIM KNOWLTON, LAURA ERICKSON, ROBERT LOGAN II, ERICA MELBURN, KATE KORANZO, AVANDA PERICE, KAITE CATES, CHRISY VIETH, JENNIFER JANZ, AMANDA COBBIN, ASHLEE WILLIAMS, AMBER RANDOLPH, JULIAN SIDAKI ROW FIVE: ANDREW BRATH, SALLY AARONSON, PAUL JOHN, RYAN SWOPE, ADAM RODRIGUEZ, ANDREW JACKSON, MAHANAH TAYLOR, JAMES CALDWELL, MELUNDA GRANDI, JASON FORSON, PHILIP SMITH, COLIN CHAMBERS, KAT ANDRA COLEMAN, DANIEL BESSENBACHER, AMY HEFFERNAN ROW SIX: ANDREW JOHNSON, KATE PICKETT, ROXANNE ROUSE, DANNY CHAPUT, ALEX ISOM, MARCUS STANLEY, MAHANAH GRANDI, CAROL STEVENSON, CHARLES QUINLAN, JAMES BRIDGEMAN, JOY STEPMAN, SAMANTHA BALL, COLETTE NORTON, ROB CARTER-HALL ROW SEVEN: AMANDA BAUCOM, NATALIE BELL, TIM PHELPS, MARK QUINN, BRIAN WORRE, BRIAN HOLLEY, STEPHEN JOHN, COCHETA MANSON, JEFFERSON PEAK, STEVEN WATSON, ANDRE SCHNEY, ADAM PESTER, ALEX ROUSE, NEIL CORRISSON, ANDRE WELLS ROW EIGHT: AUBREY YOSLEY, HALEE GOTTFREDSON, FATIMA GONZALEZ, WALTER TOWNSHEND, CHRIS LOWRY, ALEX MOISE, LEONARD DAVIS, PHIL BECKER, JAKE HOWARD, PAHIA HOISEK, CHRIS BELLAMY, MICHAEL FLORES, BECKY BRIANE, ASHLEE DUCKWORTH, CHARLES MORGAN, AMANDA THOMAS ROW NINE: JONATHAN AMERSON, ODIS SMITH, TOAN NGUYEN.

MOVING TO THE BEAT OF A DIFFERENT DRUM

"Music has always been a big passion of mine," said Senior Pasha Hosseini.

Hosseini played percussion as a Marching Yellowjacket his entire high-school career. He has always liked to playing music - especially the drums. As a child, he would bang on pots, pans and empty buckets. He started playing the drums when he was six-years-old. He did not receive professional lessons, but learned to play on his own.

"I just feel it in my blood," he said.

Hosseini practiced several times a week or whenever he had the chance. He began playing middle eastern and Latin percussion. Since his father is Iranian, he was exposed to much middle-eastern music. Playing is just a pastime for Hosseini, however, and he has no plans to play professionally. As a matter of fact, he would like to eventually enter the field of business. Playing the drums will remain a hobby, though.

"Some people like to read and some people like to play video games. I like to play drums," he said. "However, I would go hungry as a musician."

WHY ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE BAND?

"I LIKE BEING IN BAND BECAUSE IT LETS ME DO WHAT I LIKE TO DO - WHICH IS TO PLAY THE SAXOPHONE."

LEONARD DAVIS.

"BEING IN BAND ALLOWS ME THE CHANCE TO MEET NEW AND FUN PEOPLE AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS."

ALEX ROUSE



SENIORS GRAB A BITE TO EAT AT ED DEBEVIC'S IN CHICAGO ON A SENIOR BAND TRIP. THE BAND TRAVELED TO THE WINDY CITY TO ATTEND A MUSIC COMPETITION.

DONATED BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

SENIORS BRIAN WORTS AND STEPHEN JOHN ALONG WITH JUNIOR BRIAN HOLLEY JAM ON THE SAXOPHONE AT A SPRING SPIRIT ASSEMBLY. BEING IN BAND ALLOWED STUDENTS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES THROUGH THEIR MUSICAL SKILLS.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



JUNIOR PHILLIP SMITH, FRESHMEN SALLY AARONSON AND PAUL JOHN, SOPHOMORE ABBY HEFFERNAN AND JUNIOR JASON FORSON DRESS UP IN THEIR HALLOWEEN ATTIRE. A HALLOWEEN PARTY WAS HELD OCTOBER 29, AT A FOOTBALL GAME.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

1999-2000 ACCOLADES CARROLLTON BAND DAY

2ND PLACE, CLASS 3-A FIELD SHOW

2ND PLACE, OPEN CLASS DANCE LINE

BLUE SPRINGS MARCHING FESTIVAL

2ND PLACE, CLASS 3-A FIELD SHOW

5TH PLACE, OPEN CLASS DRUM LINE

HEART OF AMERICA MARCHING FESTIVAL

1- SUPERIOR RATING, CLASS 3-A FIELD SHOW

STATE LARGE ENSEMBLE CONTEST

1 - SUPERIOR RATING

JUNIORS BRIAN HOLLEY AND SENIOR CARRIE CALDWELL SHARE A ROMANTIC CONVERSATION DURING THE FALL PLAY *LITTLE WOMEN*. *LITTLE WOMEN* WAS PERFORMED NOVEMBER 11-13 AND WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

PLAYERS 58; ROW ONE: OFFICERS: AMY CARR, JOE CARR, ASHLEY CASHEN, SHANNON HEFFERNAN, JESSICA GRUMP, MARCUS STANLEY, SPONSOR KAMELA BATES **ROW TWO:** COLIN CHAMBERS, TIARA WEATHERSBY, JENNIFER FLETCHER, LYNSEY NIXON, SEAN KELLY, ANANDA BAUCOM, TYRA GIBBGS, AMBER GILLILAND, HEATHER INSCORCA, MARK QUINLIN **ROW THREE:** RORI CARTER-HALL, JESSICA ACCORD, DIANE ASHER, CHRISTIAN FIELDS, CHRISTINE EDDINGTON, LORA MODLIN, ROSE VAUGHT, ELIZABETH FLENER, SALLY AARONSON, DANIELLE STRICKLAND **ROW FOUR:** CHARLES QUINLIN, STEPHANIE WHEELER, JENNIFER CARR, ERIN ANDERSEN, ERIC HAYNES, BRIAN HOLLEY **ROW FIVE:** LAUREN HAMILTON, ANDREW JOHNSON, JOANNA DORIA, STEPHEN JOHN, JILL MCCALMAN, GINNY PEGELOW, ANDREW ISOM, CHRIS JOHNSON, JASON FORSON **ROW SIX:** SHANNA BROWN, JOSIAH SWORD, PEGGY JOY, ALEX ROUSE, CHRISTY CAMPBELL, PAUL JOHN **ROW SEVEN:** CONNIE SISK, BRANDON OLDHAM, KIM KNOWLTON, NATALIE BELL



JUNIORS AUDREY YOUNG AND SEAN KELLY AND SENIORS JOE CARR AND CARRIE CALDWELL FAWN OVER THE NEW SET OF TWINS IN *LITTLE WOMEN*. *LITTLE WOMEN* IS A PLAY BASED ON THE SAME-TITLED BOOK BY LOUISA MAY ALCOTT. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

JUST ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY...?

HOW WAS PLAYERS 58 DIFFERENT FROM EVERY OTHER CLUB?



"I THINK PLAYERS IS DIFFERENT FROM EVERY OTHER CLUB BECAUSE WE ARE LIKE ONE, BIG, FAMILY - WE STICK TOGETHER."

SENIOR ERIC HAYNES

"PLAYERS IS DIFFERENT BECAUSE IT IS NOT REALLY A CLUB - IT'S MORE LIKE A FAMILY. IT'S DIFFERENT IN THAT FACT THAT PLAYERS TREAT ME LIKE I AM SOMEBODY, INSTEAD OF NOBODY."

SOPHOMORE MARCUS STANLEY



TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF

Players 58 - A group who includes everyone: Difference are accepted, creativity is encouraged and the arts are promoted. Players 58 - a family, a club a community. Players 58 -An outlet allowing escape through theater. Players 58 - a group of thespians focused on making a difference.

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Players 58: To some, it is a club, to some it's a way to produce shows. However, to some, it much more.

"Players gives us the opportunity to show people what we have. It gives us an opportunity to bring people happiness and joy, so it make us happy, and that helps us build a stronger club," said Senior Carrie Caldwell.

Originating in the 60's, Players had its ups and downs. Just three years ago, Players' mem-

bership totalled approximately 20 active members. In 1999-2000, membership topped off at 56. However, success didn't come easy. Organizing, planning and preparing for various projects was a constant task for members and officers.

"My day starts at 5 am and doesn't end until 11 p.m. or so when I go to sleep. I go from the officer meeting at 7 a.m., to the fund-raising meeting at lunch, to the Players' meeting after school, to rehearsal, to

president's meetings. Then I go home, make phone calls and practice my lines until I finally start my homework at about 9:30. It's not an easy job," said Senior Players' President Shannon Heffernan.

Overall, the changes were positive.

"We've become a more diverse group, enlarged our ranks and became more productive," said Sponsor Kamela Bates.



JUNIOR AUDREY YOUNG, SENIOR ASHLEY CASHEN AND FRESHMAN TAMMY JOHNSON COLOR AT THE PTA BOOTH DURING THE 1800'S DAY, WHILE JUNIOR TIARA WEATHERSBY FIXES YOUNG'S HAIR FOR AN UPCOMING SHOW. THE FIRST EVER 1800'S DAY WAS A SUCCESSFUL FUND-RAISER. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

JUNIOR JENNIFER CARR, SENIOR JOE CARR AND JUNIOR DIANE ASHER MAKE A GROUP EFFORT TO MAKE "MR. HORSEY" MOVE. ONCE COMPLETED, THE LIFE-SIZED HORSE WAS ATTACHED TO A PICKUP TRUCK AND HELPED THE PLAYERS' HOME-COMING FLOAT WIN FIRST PLACE. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

FRESHMEN ALEX ISOM, TAMMY JOHNSON AND JILL MCCALMAN AND SENIOR ASHLEY CASHEN 'WORK' TEDIIOUSLY WHILE PREPARING FOR LITTLE WOMEN. THE COSTUME CREW FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO FIND AUTHENTIC COSTUMES FOR THE SHOW, WHICH WAS SET IN THE LATE 1800'S. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SENIOR ERIN ANDERSEN MODELS A STAND-UP JUKE BOX THAT WAS DISPLAYED AT THE UPCOMING CLUB FAIR ON THE FRESHMEN'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. AFTER MUCH RECRUITMENT, PLAYERS' MEMBERSHIP GREW TREMENDOUSLY FROM PAST YEARS. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SENIOR ERIC HAYNES, FRESHMAN ROSE VAUGHT, FRESHMAN GINNY PEGELOW, JUNIOR TYRA GRIGGS, SENIOR JOE CARR, JUNIOR DIANE ASHER, SENIOR SHANNON HEFFERNAN AND JUNIOR AMY CARR HAVE A BLAST WITH NEW-FOUND FRIENDS AT THE MISSOURI STATE THESPIAN FESTIVAL HELD IN FULTON IN DECEMBER. PHOTO DONATED BY AMY CARR



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Senior Shannon Heffernan spends a little free time making a snow angel by the greenhouse. Winter around CHS didn't leave a lot of time for playing in the fluffy white stuff, due to an especially warm and snow-free winter.

a time to begin



Sophomores Monchel McQuitty and Timothy Clayton return from center court after receiving the Courtwarming honor of being crowned Prince and Princess. This honor is bestowed upon students after an election by their peers.

Photo By Fatima Gonzalez



Senior Neil Corriston perfects his technique in the 100-yard Butterfly stroke during a meet at the Red Bridge YMCA. The swim team worked vigorously during practice to prepare for their meets

Photo By
Fatima Gonzalez



Senior Ashley Cashen instructs [little angels] during play practice for the spring musical Grease. The heavenly spirits seen in Grease were none other than second graders from various elementary schools in the Center District.

Photo By
Amy Carr

t w r n **2** WINTER

Finding time to chill out.

Turning to fun during break

Copy and Design By Fatima Gonzalez

RRRRRing! The last bell sounds for the day, indicating the beginning of Winter Break. For the next two weeks, students will sleep in, family members will visit and leaving homes in holiday shambles and a various religious events will be celebrated.

"I slept until noon all the time," said David Johnson of his vacation.

While most students did enjoy the extra ZZZ's, some spent time doing some seasonal activities.

"I loved making almond-dip pretzels," Melissa Ebberts said. "It was fun!"

Other fun activities included spending time alone or with friends.

"I just hung out," said Jake Howard.

Vanessa Hoskins agreed. "I kicked it with my friends," she said.

Unfortunately for some, Winter Break was time to prepare for finals. First semester ended shortly after Winter Break, leaving students facing many hours of studying shortly after their return.

"First semester should definitely end before Winter Break. My mind just goes to mush during that time," said Halle Gotfredson.

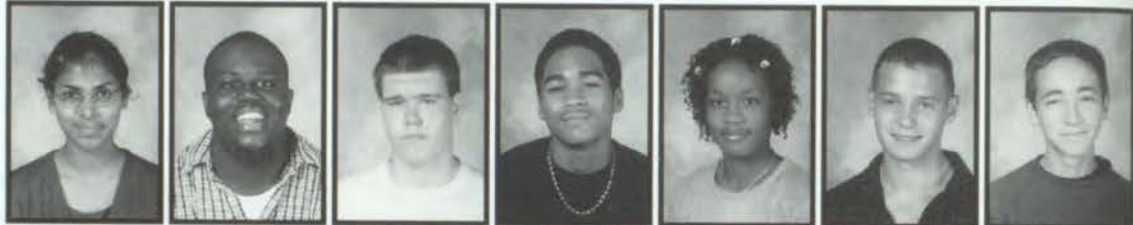
Break is also a time for celebration. Most students and their families enjoyed the traditional seasonal events, such as Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza. Joanna Gitterman and her family celebrated the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah.

"We light the Menorah, and say the prayer that is said, then we all have dinner," Gitterman explained.

Whether students made pretzels or slept in, they found ways to make the most of their much-deserved time off.

"We stole yard ornaments. It was even mentioned on the TV news!" shared a very anonymous source.

GLORY AJJARAPU
JONATHAN AMERISON
ANTHONY ANTONELLO
JERMAINE ATTY
AISHAH AUGUSTA
JAY BARRY
PHIL BECKER



WENDELL BELL
KAYLA BIRCH
CHARLES BLACKMON
ANGELA BONNE
DEONNA BOUYE
MICHELLE BOYLE
BRANDON BRENNAN



SHEENA BRIGHAM
AMANDA BRINER
REBECCA BRIONES
JESSICA BROWN
MICHAEL BROWN
DAVID BUTLER
MICHAEL BYERS



CHRISTI CAMPBELL
SHAWN CAMPBELL
AMY CARR
JARED CASTLE
JOHNATHAN CHILDS
BIN CHIN
ANDREW COOK



PATRICK COOK
AMANDA CORBIN
BREONICA CUNNINGHAM
JESSICA CRUMP
VANITA CURRIN
TINA DASARI
TRISHIA DAVIDSON



Junior Joanna Doria and Senior Scott Shannahan sneak up on Junior Tiara Weathersby at the winter yearbook and newspaper staff party. Staff members, along with a couple of guests, had the opportunity to fly over the illuminated Plaza buildings in a small airplane flown by Yearbook Editor Amy Carr's father, Pat. PHOTO BY KATHY YATES



IS WINTER BREAK
TOO LONG, TOO
SHORT OR JUST
PERFECT?

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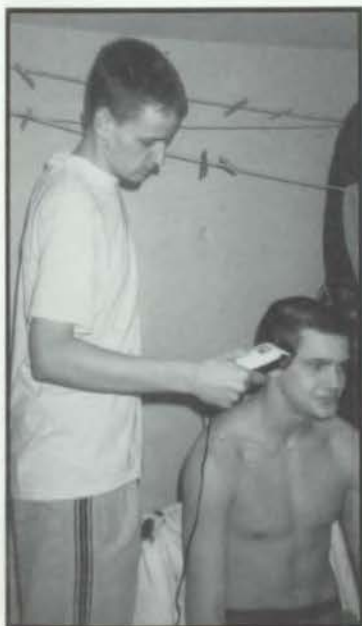


Junior Amy Carr and Senior Shannon Heffernan make a life-size PEZ dispenser of the Muppets character, Gonzo. Heffernan and Carr used paper mach'e to build the Gonzo head.

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AMY CARR



"PERFECT. IF IT
WERE ANY LONGER,
WHEN I CAME BACK,
I WOULD HAVE FOR-
GOTTEN EVERY-
THING."
LEONARD DAVIS



Junior Tina Dasari, along with her sister Mina, her brother and uncle pose in front of the famous New York City site, the Rockefeller Christmas Tree. The Dasari family spent some time with relatives in the New York urban area of Queens.

PHOTO DONATED BY TINA DASARI

"I THINK IT'S OKAY
NOW, BUT IF IT WERE
LONGER, THEN I
WOULD LOVE IT."
ZEKIA GEOTCHA



Junior Logan Gillespie enjoys the opportunity to shave Sophomore Adam Rodriguez's head. Over Winter Break, several swimmers shaved their heads as a team unity-building activity.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

ANTONIO DAVIS
LEONARD DAVIS
JOANNA DORIA
JAMILL DRAPER
BARRON DUCKWORTH
ALEX DUNGAN
MELISSA EBBERTS



JUANITA EDWARDS
LIZ ELMORE
LLWELLYN EVANS
ADAM FIELDS
TENISHA FISHER
JASON FORSON
RACHEL FOSTER



JENNIFER FOWLER
MICHAEL GAITHER
ZEKIA GEOTCHA
JASON GIBBS
LOGAN GILLESPIE
AMBER GILLILAND
JOANNA GITTERMAN



HALLE GOTFREDSON
MARIANNE GRANDI
TYRA GRIGGS
JESSE GRIMM
ARTESHA HARDIN
MANUAL HARVEY
TRACEY HEPTING



ANTOINETTE HERRON
BRIAN HOLLEY
CHRIS HOLLOWELL
VANESSA HOSKINS
JACOB HOWARD
SHANE HUM
DARREL INNIS



HEATHER INSCORE
PHILLIP IRVING
JERMIAN JACOBS
NATHAN JENKINS
ANDREW JOHNSON
DAVID JOHNSON
EBONI JOHNSON



KYLE JOHNSON
SEAN JOHNSON
SANDY JONES
SEAN KELLY
NAFISALLAH KHALIFAH
KIMBERLY KNOWLTON
KERRI KNOX



RYAN KULKE
JOSE LOZANO
JOSH LACY
VICTORIA LOMAS
NAN LOU
ANNAROSE MANNINO
LESLIE MARTIN



Juniors Brian Holley, Tim Phillips, Victoria Lomas and Sandra Jones dance the night away at the 'Not Millennium' Dance held by the Junior Class. The dance, originally scheduled before Winter Break, was postponed and rescheduled after administrators heard rumors of violence on that night.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Q & A WERE YOU WORRIED THAT THE WORLD WOULD END ON Y2K?

"MY PARENTS WENT OUT AND BOUGHT A LOT OF BOTTLED WATER AND LITTLE CANDLES THAT WOULD WORK LIKE A STOVE. THEY MADE ME GET GAS IN MY CAR. I THOUGHT IT WAS KIND OF FUNNY."

JAKE HOWARD



Juniors Lucas Wallingford and Tiara Weathersby bring in the new year at a party at Wallinfor's house. Many students choose to spend new years eve with close friends making a night to remember.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



"WE DIDN'T DO TOO MUCH TO PREPARE, WE JUST BOUGHT WATER."

VANITA CURRIN



Center students wait anxiously as the countdown begins in New York City. Students spent the rest of the evening wrestling, dancing and having a "grand ol' time." After the count down in New York, students spent the next hour waiting to bring in the new millennium.

PHOTO BY KATIE KORANDO

"I FIGURED THAT THE LIGHTS WOULD GO OUT FOR A FEW HOURS, SO I HAD A BUNCH OF BLANKETS AND FLASH LIGHTS AND STUFF JUST IN CASE. I ALSO PRINTED A BUNCH OF STUFF OFF MY COMPUTER IN CASE IT CRASHED."

JENNIFER CARR



Q & A

WHAT CHANGED WHEN YOU BECAME A JUNIOR?



"NOT MUCH, BUT I CAN ACT STUPID AND NOBODY CAN SAY ANYTHING BECAUSE I'M OLDER.
PHILLIP BECKER

Juniors, Mark Royer, Tim Phillips, Brian Holley, Justin Shoemaker, Logan Gillespie, and Jake Howard show off their class rings in true Captain Planet style. The pride of wearing a class ring was realized when these students became upper-classmen.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



"I JUST GREW UP A LITTLE MORE AND STARTED TAKING A FEW MORE RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT I STILL GOOF OFF JUST AS MUCH AS LAST YEAR.
JON AMERISON



The legacy of KISS was discovered and executed by the Junior Class on Homecoming. These imposters made the sweet sounds of "I Wanna Rock All Night" echo through the north parking lot as the Homecoming parade commenced.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



"I GET TO DRIVE MORE AND I HAVE TONS MORE FREEDOM. THE SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN LOOK UP TO ME MORE SO I FEEL MORE IMPORTANT.
KIM KNOWLTON



The roles are reversed for Juniors Lisa Wellington, Sara Park and Joanna Gitterman, as they wait for their dates to get ready for the Homecoming dance. Traditionally, the males were supposed to show up early and the females are expected to make them wait five to ten minutes.

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Finding time to chill out...

Whatcha wanna be

By Neil Corrison

The Class of 2001, the first class of the new millennium, was eager to make an impression, pushed the throttle up and fly into the 1999-2000 school year. With a high-school career fading into memories, some juniors reflected on their first two years in high school.

"I spent my first two years of high school with braces. When I was trying to make friends, I would usually spit food all over them because I ate a lot and I didn't brush my teeth. Now that I am an upperclassmen, I still spit food on people and I still don't brush my teeth, but I have friends and I don't have braces," said Andrew Johnson.

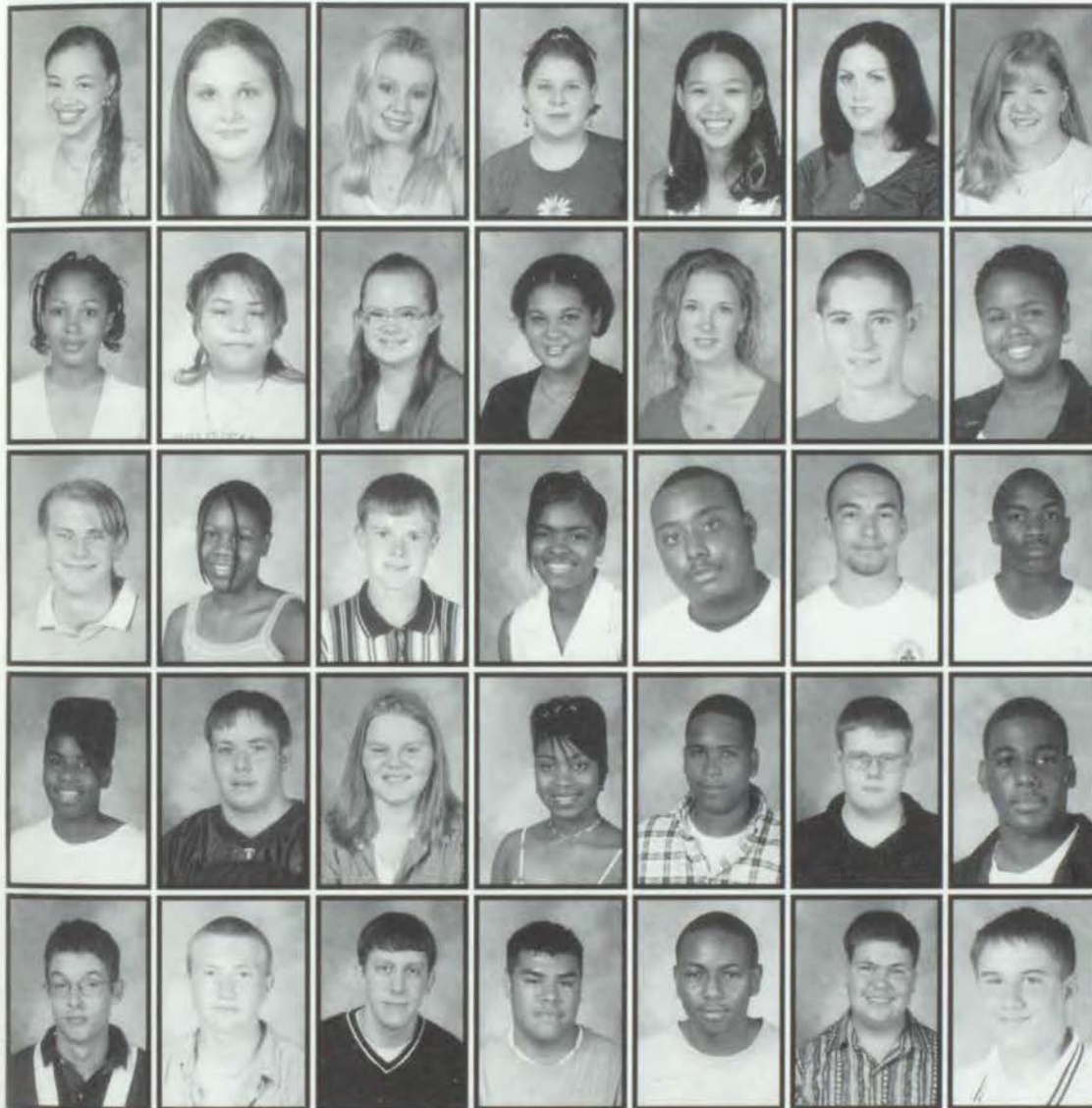
With graduation only a year and a half away, juniors started pondering the mind-numbing question of what to do after high school. Some preparations such as the A.C.T were taken care of first.

"I wanted to take the A.C.T early because I wanted see how well I could do, and I wanted to allow myself plenty of time to improve on my score," said Amanda Corbin.

Tiara Weathersby also had plans of going to college after high school.

"I want to go to the University of Missouri in Kansas City and major in Pediatrics and minor in child psychology, because I love how innocent children are. I love the way they have fun and most of all they are just plain adorable," said Weathersby.

The junior year was a good time to grow up, become leaders in the school and try to live up to being the first class of the millennium.



KIAUNI MCGHEE
TRACY MILLS
TINA MOORE
CRYSTAL MORAVEC
ANH HUONG NGUYEN
ANDREA NOBLE
DARCY NORD

COLETTE NORTON
LINDSAY NORMAN
RACHAEL O'BRIEN
NICOLE PACE
SARA PARK
ROBERT PERILLO
LATOYA PERRY

NOAH PEISTER
SHA-LEAH PITTMAN
TIM PHILLIPS
SHANTAE PITTS
JAMELL PRINCE
CHARLES QUINLIN
LANCE REDICK

DARA RAGLIN
JOSH REINHARD
ERICA RHOADES
LESHIA RILEY
ANTHONY ROBERTS
WILLIAM ROSS
REUBEN ROUNDTREE

MARK ROYER
JACK RYAN
JOSH SAGE
JONATHAN SALAZAR
MIKE SALLARD
RICHARD SCOTT
JUSTIN SHOEMAKER

JUNIOR MICHELLE GAITHER, VICTORIA LOMAS, EMMA WATONGI AND CHRISTY CAMPBELL SHOW OFF THEIR CLASS RINGS. CLASS RINGS ALLOWED STUDENTS TO SHOWCASE THEIR HIGH-SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

Q & A

WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT YOUR CLASS RING?



"ITS STYLE SYMBOLIZES MY REPRESENTATION IN SOCIETY AND HOW I ATTEMPT, BUT FAIL, TO STAND OUT IN A CROWD OF NAMELESS NOTHINGS. THE SIDES SHOWCASES MY FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITUATION, BUT ELEMENT DISTINCTION FROM THE NORM."
LUCAS WALLINGFORD



"IT DEFINES ME AND MY HIGH-SCHOOL YEARS. ON ONE SIDE, I HAVE THE INSTRUMENT I PLAY AND MY YEAR OF GRADUATION. ON THE OTHER SIDE, I HAVE THE SOCCER SYMBOL AND MY NAME. WHEN YOU LOOK INSIDE THE STONE, YOU SEE JESUS."
COLETTE NORTON



JUNIORS JENNIFER CARR, ANNA MANNINO, HUONG NGUYEN AND ANDREA NOBLE TAKE A BREAK FROM CLEANING THE STREAM. THEY WERE A PART OF CENTER'S NEWEST CLUB, CENTER ON THE EARTH.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR



"THAT I AM A FEMALE AND IT'S A MALE-STYLE RING. I HAVE A SKATEBOARDER ON ONE SIDE AND WRESTLER ON THE OTHER. I HAD TO GET A GUY'S RING BECAUSE I COULDN'T GET WRESTLING ON A GIRL'S RING."
EMILY WALKER



JUNIOR JESSICA CRUMP TRIMS CONTACT PAPER TO AVOID A FIRE HAZARD. THE BOXES JUST WEREN'T CUTTING IT.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR



JUNIOR LAVITA VERSER ACTS OUT THE LATEST CHA-RADE DURING A FRENCH CLUB MEETING. GAMES AND ACTIVITIES HELPED STUDENTS BOND AND LEARN.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR



CONNIE SISK
AARON SCHAD
KAMARA SHIPLEY
DANIELLE SMITH
PHILLIP SMITH
JASON SOLOMON
DAVID SPRIGGS

MICHAEL SPRIGGS
MARCUS STANLEY
SHAWN SWAN
CHERI SWEANEY
TSEDAY TASSEW
ANTOINE TAYLOR
NATHAN TAYLOR

JEFF TEETOR
TOM THIBODEAU
AMANDA THOMAS
ANITA TRAN
LEE UNGER
PETER VAN TRAN
AMANDA VAN SICKEL
LAVITA VERSER

CARLOS VILLAR
EMILY WALKER
LUCAS WALLINGFORD
JAMES WARREN
DESTINY WATKINS
TIARA WEATHERSBY
EMMANUELLE WATONSI
RYAN WEINZIRL

LISA WELLINGTON
SAM WEILERT
STEPHANIE WHEELER
DANNELLA WHITNEY
SHAWN WILLIAMS
MONICA WILLIAMSON
AUBREE YEISLEY
AUDREY YOUNG



REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE WAS A SLOGAN TAKEN TO HEART BY JUNIOR HALLE GOTFREDSON AS SHE DEPOSITS BOTTLES AND CANS IN THE BIG GREEN BINS LOCATED OUTSIDE K-MART SHOPPING CENTER.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

THE OWNER OF THE FAMOUS LEANN CHINN RESTAURANT HANDS JUNIOR FBLA PRESIDENT SEAN KELLY A CHECK FOR \$500. THE CHECK WAS A GIFT TO HELP FUND THE FLEDGLING CLUB.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



CENTER CHORALE: ROW ONE: S. PITTMAN, A. GRIDDINE, T. GRIGGS, I. RILEY, L. JACK, K. MCFARLAND ROW TWO: S. RAJA, M. KELLY, J. STOKES, P. IRVING, N. TAYLOR NOT PICTURED: F. CUSICK, D. DURDIN, K. MCGHEE, D. WHITNEY, S. WILLIAMS, B. WITHERS



BLUE AND GOLD CHOIR: ROW ONE: J. HARRIS, S. BROWN, L. WILSON, M. JONES, T. HARRIS, K. EDWARDS, J. GASPER ROW TWO: C. BUREC, A. BAUCOM, J. ACCORD, J. DODSON, D. ANTHONY ROW THREE: J. WILEY, M. GROVES, S. CUNNINGHAM, D. WORTS ROW FOUR: T. SUBLETT, A. LANGSTON, K. REDRICK, S. BLACKWELL, S. FRAZIER ROW FIVE: A. HOSKINS, C. JOHNSON NOT PICTURED: E. RHOADES, J. CHILS, K. CAROWTHERS, R. FOSTER, M. HOOKS, N. JONES, C. NEWELL, J. MILLER, S. LISTER



CONTEMPORARY CHOIR: ROW ONE: A. THOMAS, D. SMITH, L. HILL, T. GRIGGS, D. RAGLIN, S. PITTMAN, I. RILEY, L. LANGSTON, T. HARRIS, K. SPILLER, A. HENDERSON, J. OLIVER ROW TWO: K. MCGHEE, L. HARLIN, F. AUGUSTA, C. CHASE, S. JONES, K. TAGLIN, M. KELLY, L. IRVING, S. STRICKLIN, L. MANLEY ROW THREE: K. HARRIS, T. SMITH, C. HOLLOWELL, E. JOHNSON, T. SUBLETT, S. BLACKWELL, M. JONES, T. SUBLETT, S. BLACKWELL, M. JONES, T. WALLACE, A. RANDLE, L. WILSON ROW FOUR: L. MANLEY, S. BROWN, P. HARRIS, A. GRIDDINE, K. GROVES, K. REDICK, S. FRAZIER, D. JONES, O. EDMONDS ROW FIVE: W. TOWNSEND, T. MILLER, P. IRVING, N. TAYLOR, L. JACK, A. DUCKWORTH ROW SIX: L. REDICK, S. WILLIAMS



DURING THE WINTER CHORAL CONCERT, MEMBERS OF THE BLUE AND GOLD CHOIR SING OUT THEIR HEARTS AND SOULS. THE VARIOUS CENTER CHOIRS PRODUCE FOUR CONCERTS A YEAR TO SHOW OFF THEIR TALENT.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Music makes life

Twice as Nice

Copy and Design By Amy Carr

For some students, music was just a class, but for others, music was more. It was a part of their lives.

"Singing brings incredible emotion because it's coming from within you - like an instrument that you have to learn to play," said Senior Chorale Member Sarra Raja

Some students found that when they sang, it not only affected them, but it also affected those around them.

"It affects people in such a positive way and it helps them. When people see a bunch of kids perform, they know that they could have been doing something else. But, instead they are doing something positive, and something they enjoy," said Freshman Contemporary Choir Member Jasmine Oliver.

The choral program at Center performs in many performances and concerts throughout the year to help display the students talents. Additionally, Contemporary Choir took a trip to Florida this year.

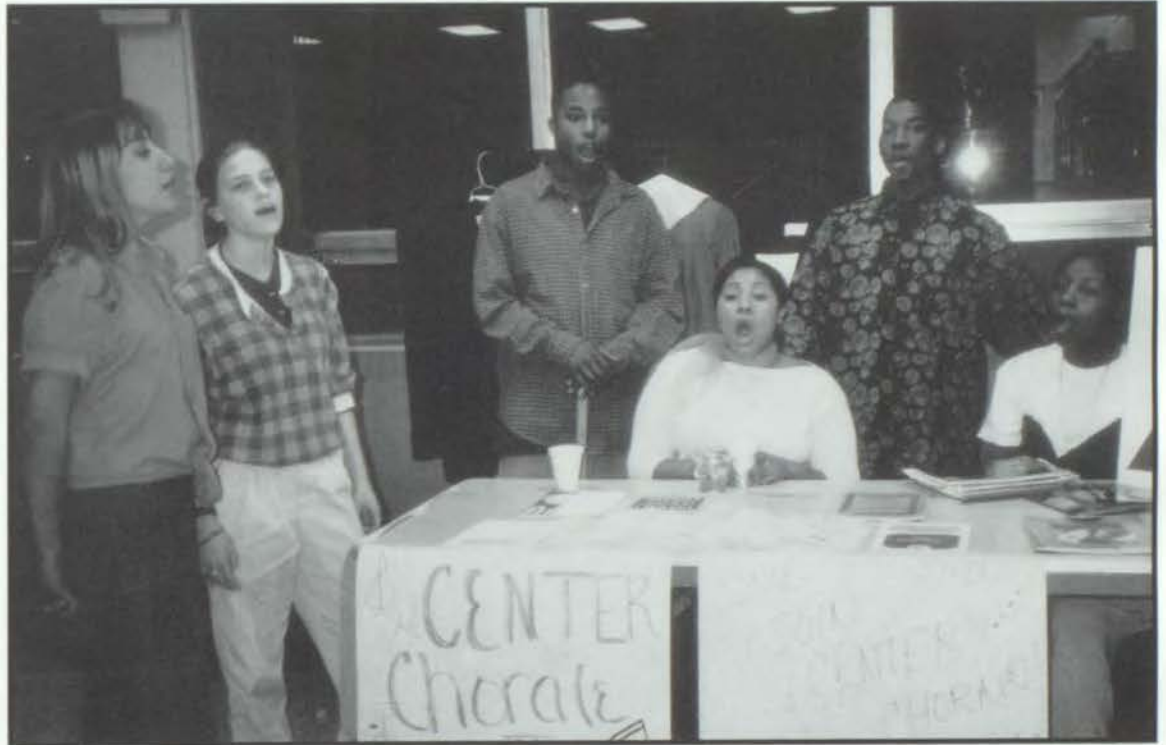
"The year we went to UMKC for the Mid-America Vocal Arts Festival. We've done concerts and we sang at the 1800's day and at Ward Parkway during Christmas. We also we have plans to sing at the Conference Choral Fest coming up," said Director Joseph Hamm.

CAST MEMBERS OF *GREASE!* DANCE AND SING TO THE MUSIC OF RYDELL HIGH'S PROM. THE CHORAL DEPARTMENT PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN HELPING THE MUSICAL PRODUCTION TO SUCCEED.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

CHOIR MEMBERS SING TO ATTRACT EIGHTH GRADERS TO THEIR BOOTH DURING ORIENTATION. GAINING STUDENT RECRUITS FOR THE CHOIR PROGRAM WAS VITAL TO KEEPING THE CHOIRS STRONG.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



JUNIOR JESSICA CRUMP AND FRESHMEN GINNY PEGELOW AND ROSE VAUGHT PRACTICE SONGS AT CLINICS HELD PRIOR TO AUDITIONS OF THE SPRING MUSICAL, *GREASE!* THE CHORAL AND DRAMA PROGRAMS WORKED TOGETHER TO PRODUCE A PRODUCTION THAT BROUGHT IN RECORD-NUMBERS.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

A MIXTURE OF STUDENTS SING PIECES WRITTEN BY STEPHEN FOSTER PRIOR TO THE EIGHTH-GRADE ORIENTATION. BY CHOOSING SPECIFIC COMPOSERS, STUDENTS WERE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE PIECES THEY CHOSE TO SING.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Open up a can of

Swim FAST

Copy and Design By Tlara Weatherby

Many athletes participate in sports for the competitive experiences and for the satisfaction to say that they won. Few people are in sports just for the fun of it. When the boys swim team was asked what was their most competitive experience in this swim season, many minds went blank.

"I'm in swimming to avoid getting fat," said Senior Neil Corrison.

Junior Lisa Wellington, manager, said that the swimmers did compete well, but also enjoyed their fun, yet unusual traditions.

Senior Manager Fatima Gonzalez agreed.

"You can't go to a practice without hearing the guys talk about their "naked experiences" they have gone through - and let's not talk about Gold Bond, please," said Gonzalez.

"Gold Bond" was a long-standing tradition among members of the swim team. The secret tradition helped build team comradery as well as built lasting memories.

Other's did not leave the swim season with lasting memories.

"After every meet, I got to go home, and that is all I remember," recalled Junior Logan Gillespie.

Still through it all, the Boys' Swim Team had a season of fun and meaningful experiences.

Boys' SWIM TEAM: ROW ONE: JEFF HILL, NEIL CORRISTON, MARK ROYER, ADAM RODRIGUEZ, JEFF PEAK, JOEY BRAKE, LOGAN GILLESPIE, NIEL SOLOMON, JAMES BRIDGEFORD, JOE WELLS
ROW TWO: ANDREW JOHNSON, MIKE FLORES, WENDELL BELL, RICHIE HILL, BRIAN WELLINGTON, JERMAINE JACOBS, BARON DUCKWORTH, BRENT REEVES, DANIEL BESSENBACKER
ROW THREE: MGR. LAUREN HAMILTON, COACH ANDY HANCH, MGR. ANDREA ISOM
NOT PICTURED: MGRS. FATIMA GONZALEZ AND LISA WELLINGTON

**NO FOOD OR DRINKS
NO ROUGH PLAY
NO RUNNING
NO DIVING**



SENIOR JOEY BRAKE PREPARES FOR A TURN. PERFECTING FLIPS AND TURNS WAS VITAL IN SHAVING SECONDS OFF A SWIMMER'S TIME.
PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ





SENIOR NEIL CORRISON COMES UP FOR AIR WHILE DOING THE BUTTERFLY STROKE AT A SWIM MEET. THIS DIFFICULT STROKE REQUIRED A LOT OF SKILL AND DETERMINATION.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

JUNIOR ANDREW JOHNSON PLAYS HIS GUITAR FOR MONEY AT CONFERENCE. FUN AND RELAXATION ADDED HUMOR TO THIS DAY OF HARD WORK AND DILIGENT EFFORT.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ



WHAT IS THE MOST DIFFICULT DIVE, AND WHAT MAKES IT SO HARD?

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"THE FRONTWARD TWO-SOMERSAULT IS HARD, BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO GET HEIGHT. I WAS TRAINED TO JUMP OFF THE BOARD, BUT THE WAY I DID IT WAS NOT CORRECT."

FRESHMAN
ASHLEE DUCKWORTH



"THE BACKWARD ONE-AND-A-HALF IS HARD BECAUSE OF THE HEIGHT. THE DIVES WERE AMBIGUOUS AT THE FIRST OF THE SEASON, BUT AT THE END, WERE PRODIGIOUS."

FRESHMAN
JAMES BRIDGEFORD

Vo-Tech students find themselves...

Workin' Overtime

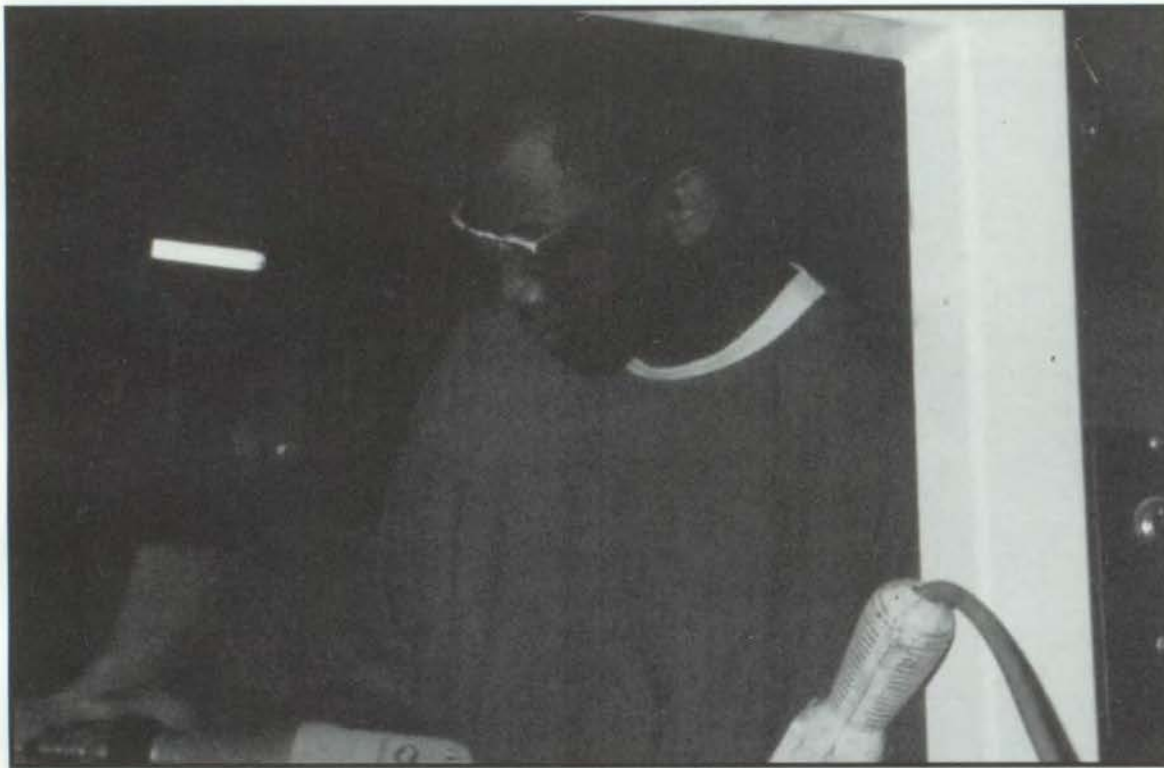
By Neil Corrison

Every day during fourth hour, a few students from each class will pack their bags and proceed out of their class, to the cafeteria to eat an early lunch. Lucky is one word that comes to mind. Vo-Tech is another. Vo-Tech students do eat an early lunch, and then they are shipped off to Joe Herndon Vocational school, where they learn trades anywhere from car repair to nursing.

"I get to work on putting cars back together - painting and customizing them. We got to work on our teacher's motorcycle," said Junior Jermaine Jacobs.

Joe Herndon provides a variety of opportunities such as auto collision repair, computer skills, construction, welding, computer programming, advertising design and many other vocations. "I like Vo-Tech because you learn things that you actually use. It's also cool because when I get finished with big projects, I get to play Quake (a computer game).

These work-a-holics also benefit from experience in job training and assurances of employment after graduation.



JUNIOR LANCE REDICK WORKS ON MAKING A SPEAKER BOX IN CONSTRUCTION CLASS. STUDENTS IN CONSTRUCTION WERE ABLE TO GET DOWN AND DIRTY WITH BAND SAWS, SCREWDRIVERS AND POWER DRILLS.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISON

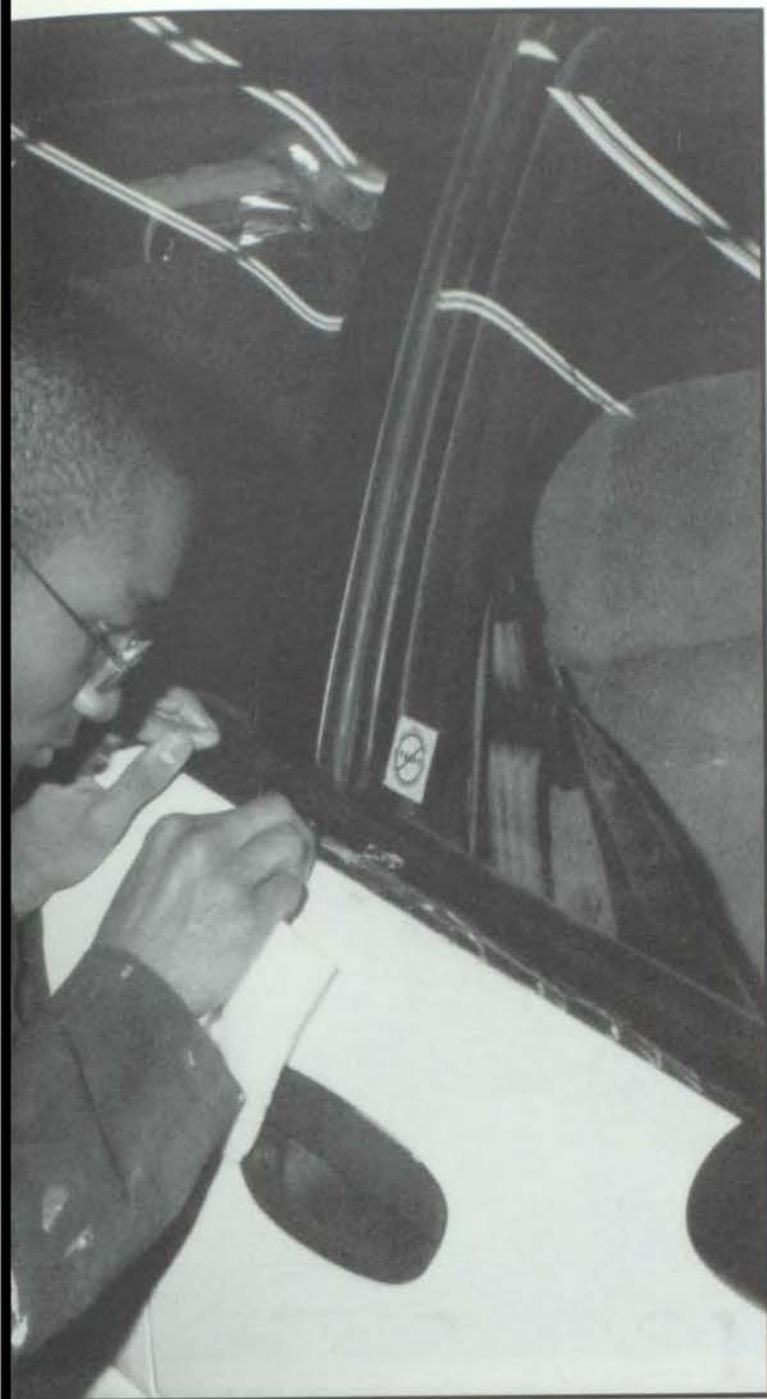
JUNIOR WHEELER PROUDLY DISPLAYS HER ADVERTISING PROJECTS. WHEELER TOOK THE ADVERTISING DISPLAY CLASS AT THE VO-TECH SCHOOL. SHE RECEIVED COLLEGE CREDIT AND JOB PLACEMENT AFTER GRADUATION.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISON



JUNIOR ANTONIO DAVIS WORKS FEVERSHILY ON THE KEYBOARD TO FINISH UP HIS PROJECT IN COMPUTER TECH. DAVIS ENJOYED BEING ABLE TO WORK WITH HIS HANDS AND THE BENEFITS OF BEING ABLE TO BRING SOFT DRINKS INTO THE CLASSROOM.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISON



JUNIOR JERMAINE JACOBS SPREADS A STICKY GOOP ALL OVER THIS VEHICLE WHILE PREPARING IT FOR A PAINT JOB. JACOBS TOOK CLASSES ON AUTO COLLISION REPAIR, WHICH TAUGHT HIM HOW TO MAKE A CAR LOOK BRAND NEW AFTER A WRECK.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

Q & A

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT GOING TO VO-TECH?



I GET TO PLAY WITH FIRE ALL DAY - BUT IT IS HOT AND HARD WORK. I BASICALLY PUT ON FULL-LAYER LEATHER GARB TO PROTECT ME "

ANGELA CLARDY

"I TAKE APART AND RE-BUILD TELEVISION SETS, DVD PLAYERS AND COMPUTERS. HOWEVER, I DO GET ELECTROCUTED SOMETIMES."

ANTONIO DAVIS



THE VO-TECH STUDENTS EAT IN A QUIET LUNCH ROOM 30 MINUTES BEFORE FIRST LUNCH SHIFT. AFTER A BITE TO EAT, THE STUDENTS LEFT FOR JOE HERNDON VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

JUNIOR JARED CASTLE PRACTICES SETTING RAFTERS FOR ROOFING IN HIS CONSTRUCTION CLASS. CASTLE ALSO REMEMBERED THE WORDS OF WISDOM, "SAFETY FIRST" AND DONNED HIS SAFETY GOGGLES BEFORE CUTTING THE WOOD.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

SENIORS JEFF PEAK, NEIL CORRISTON AND DEVIN ANDERSON, PART OF THE POLLINATORS, SPELL OUT "BOW DOWN" ON THEIR SKIN. THE POLLINATOR WAS A GROUP OF SPIRIT LEADERS WHO SHOWED SCHOOL PRIDE IN ORIGINAL WAYS.
PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

SENIORS JOEY BRAKE AND ASHLEY CASHEN BOOGIE DOWN AT THE COURTWARMING DANCE. THE DANCE WAS A PLACE FOR STUDENTS TO ENJOY THE NIGHT AFTER AN INTENSE COURTWARMING GAME.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Q & A

HOW DID IT FEEL WHEN YOU WON COURTWARMING KING/QUEEN?



"RIGHT BEFORE I WON QUEEN, I KIND OF HAD A DOUBT THAT I WOULDN'T WIN. BUT AS THEY CALLED MY NAME, I WAS EXCITED, HAPPY AND RELIEVED AT THE SAME TIME. IT WILL DEFINITELY BE MY BEST EXPERIENCE FROM HIGH SCHOOL."
NICHOLE HARSTAD
COURTWARMING QUEEN

"I WAS SHOCKED, BECAUSE I DIDN'T THINK I WOULD WIN IT. IT TOOK A SECOND TO SINK IN. IT WAS COOL"
DAVID CROSSLY
COURT WARMING KING



STUDENTS AT THE COURTWARMING DANCE GATHER AROUND THE CENTER OF THE FLOOR TO WATCH JUNIOR SEAN KELLY, SENIORS SHANNON HEFFERNAN, AARON STORY AND CARRIE CALDWELL SWING DANCE.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR



FRESHMAN RYAN RACCUGLIA AND ANDREA ISOM FLASH A SMILE AS THEY STRUT DOWN THE CENTER COURT. THESE COURT WARMING ATTENDANTS WERE RECOGNIZED DURING HALFTIME OF THE LAST BOYS' BASKETBALL GAME. PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



SENIOR DAVID CROSSLEY, JUNIOR KIM KNOWLTON AND SENIOR PEGGY JOY HANG OUT AT DENNY'S AFTER THE COURTWARMING DANCE. STUDENTS OFTEN GATHERED AFTER SCHOOL EVENTS TO WIND DOWN THE EVENING. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SOPHOMORE ODIS SMITH SHOOTS OVER THE OUT-STRETCHED HAND OF HIS PARK HILL SOUTH OPPONENT. SMITH WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE JUNIOR-VARSITY SQUAD. PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

The Fun and Fortune of *Court warming*

Copy and Design by Tina Dasari

As students walked through the mouth of a dragon and entered the dance on February 18, they found themselves in the midst of China Town. The Sophomore Class, led by Teacher Beth Heide, hosted the 2000 Courtwarming dance. The theme of the dance this year was China Town. Although only 12 students from the Sophomore Class helped put together the dance, it was still considered a success by students.

Sophomores raised the money for Courtwarming by selling concessions throughout the year and by selling tickets for the dance. The tickets cost \$3 for single and \$5 for couple.

Senior David Crossley and Nichole Harstad were crowned the king and queen who danced to the song *Just the Two of Us* by Will Smith. The night was a memorable night for many students.

Senior Nichole Harstad said, "Everybody looked beautiful. The gym looked great and the dance was one of the best I could remember from my high school years."

SEARCHLIGHT EDITOR MELISSA EBBERTS, JUNIOR, STARES WIDE-EYED AT A COMPUTER JAMMED WITH STORIES ALMOST READY FOR PRESS. IT WAS THE EDITOR'S JOB TO MAKE SURE STAFF MEMBERS WERE TURNING IN QUALITY WORK BY DEADLINE.
PHOTO BY RENEE BETTS

JUNIOR ANDREW JOHNON TAKES A MOMENT TO ENJOY THE TERRAIN OF THE JOURNALISM CLASSROOM. THE HOURS SPENT ON THE SEARCHLIGHT SOMETIMES LEFT STAFF MEMEBERS FEELING A LITTLE RECKLESS.
PHOTO BY RENEE BETTS



**Q
&A**

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR ADVISOR??



"SHE DID AN AWESOME JOB CONSIDERING ALL THE PRESSURE SHE WAS UNDER FROM OUR ADMINISTRATION"

ANDREA NOBLE

"SHE'S GOT A REALLY GOOD PERSONALITY AND IS A TRUE INSPIRATION FOR ALL CHS STUDENTS."
KERRI KNOX



JUNIOR ANDREA NOBLE SITS AND WAITS FOR HER TURN TO BOWL AT THE SEARCHLIGHT AND YEARBOOK STAFF PARTY. AFTER MONTHS OF HARD WORK, A STAFF PARTY WAS WELL DESERVED.
PHOTO BY KATHY YATES



Don't Shoot the Messenger

Copy and Design by Rene'e Betts

A group of individuals who gathered daily in the basement of the school, held in their hands, the power to make our school seem perfect. They could report about how happy the students were in their classes or how much they enjoyed eating in our state-of-the-art cafeteria. But that wasn't their job. They sorted through the fluff of CHS public relations, and delved to a place that might not seem too pleasant. That place was the truth, and that group of individuals was the *Searchlight* staff.

The Center High School administration practiced the act of prior review and censorship, and students who felt a responsibility to report real issues, felt powerless at times. When a story was written, students faced the possibility that it might not be printed due to administrators wishing to "protect" the school's reputation. According to staffers, though, censorship and prior review was not protection at all, but a mask - a mask that was thrust upon students, backed by the law. Staff members, however, fought to keep their forum for expression just that - a place where students would be allowed to present facts and express opinions freely, without fear of censorship. Letters to the editor were encouraged. Staff members never stopped questioning. If the *Searchlight* reported an unpopular view, staff members encouraged their readers to work to make changes. They reported the truth of the school, and the truth affected students and staff. They were not silent, and they made difference.



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JUNIOR JOANNA DORIA WORKS DILIGENTLY ON HER SEARCHLIGHT DEADLINE. STAFF MEMBERS HAD TO WORK TOGETHER AND GIVE UP HOURS OF THEIR OWN TIME TO MAKE SURE A QUALITY NEWSPAPER WAS DELIVERED TO STUDENTS BY DEADLINE.

PHOTO BY RENEE BETTS

SEARCHLIGHT STAFF MEMBERS GATHER TO PROOF THE SENIOR ISSUE. PUBLISHING THE SPECIAL EDITION OF THE PAPER TOOK MANY HOURS OF WRITING, PROOFING AND REWRITING.

PHOTO BY KATHY YATES

FRESHMAN PAUL JOHN PREPARES FOR HIGH-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AS HE SIGNS UP FOR KEY CLUB DURING EIGHTH-GRADE ORIENTATION NIGHT. MANY EIGHTH GRADERS SIGNED UP AND OFFICIALLY JOINED WHEN THEY STARTED HIGH SCHOOL.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Q & A

WHAT IS THE BEST PART ABOUT HELPING PEOPLE?

"THE BEST PART OF HELPING PEOPLE IS THE FEELING YOU ACCOMPLISHED SOMETHING, AND THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE."

JUNIOR BRIAN HOLLY



"I LIKE THE FEELING I GET INSIDE WHEN I KNOW I AM HELPING SOMEONE WHO IS DEPRIVED OF SOMETHING."

SENIOR PEGGY JOY



As a matter of fact...

No. We don't make keys!

Copy and Design By Tiara Weathersby

Key Club has never really been a very popular club. Incoming freshmen seemed to choose sports or SGA over a club that helped the community. But this year, many students, from freshmen to upperclassmen decided to join this community-based club.

Why did students choose Key Club?

"A club member told me I could ring the bell, but then I realized it was all community services stuff," said gullible Freshman Chris Hammel, "But it is still fun."

Some people joined for deeper reasons.

"I wanted an opportunity to do community service, because I just wanted help out," said Junior Leonard Davis. If there is one thing that Key Club does, it is help out.

Not very many people know why Key club is called KEY Club.

"I feel that Key club is called Key Club because it is the key people in the school," said Junior Key Club Member Amy Carr.



JUNIOR LEONARD DAVIS PARTICIPATES IN READ ACROSS AMERICA. THIS PROJECT IS ONE OF THE MORE PERSONAL PROJECTS KEY CLUB PARTICIPATES IN BECAUSE OF THE ONE-ON-ONE CONTACT OF THE VOLUNTEERS WITH THE STUDENTS. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

SENIOR SHANNON HEFFERNAN AND STEVEN JOHN, JUNIOR JESSICA CRUMP AND FRESHMAN ROSE VAUGHT VOLUNTEER AT THE RECYCLING CENTER. ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER WAS FRIGHTFUL, KEY CLUB WAS STILL DELIGHTFUL. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



JUNIOR AMBER GILLILAND SACRIFICES HER LUNCH TIME TO ASSIST WITH THE UNITED WAY PENNY DROP. DONATIONS COLLECTED DURING THIS ANNUAL COMPETITION BETWEEN CLASSES HELPED MANY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

SENIOR JASON CURRY FOCUSES ON MAKING A FREETHROW DURING A TIGHT GAME. TEAMMATE MATT DAGGETT COMMENTED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FOUL SHOTS. "ANY TIME YOU'RE IN CLOSE GAME, ONE FREETHROW CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A WIN AND A LOSS."

PHOTO BY
SCOTT SHANNAHAN



SENIOR AARON WILLIAMS NON-CHALANTLY LAYS THE BALL IN WHILE WARMING UP. PRE-GAME DRILLS WERE ESSENTIAL IN BEING PREPARED TO PERFORM WELL IN THE GAME.

PHOTO BY
SCOTT SHANNAHAN

SECONDS BEFORE TIP-OFF, THE TEAM DOG PILES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FLOOR TO PSYCH EACH OTHER UP. THIS RITUAL WAS DONE BEFORE EVERY GAME TO GET EVERYONE PUMPED TO PLAY.

PHOTO BY
SCOTT SHANNAHAN



VARSIITY SEASON RECORD 15-13

CHS 57	LINCOLN PREP	45
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CHS 60	TOPEKA	70
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CHS 60	RAYTOWN So.	64
CHS 54	HICKMAN MILLS	82
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CHS 60	HICKMAN MILLS	74

Reaching for glory on the court...

Hoop Dreams

Copy and Design By Scott Shannahan

High expectations existed for the 2000 basketball team. Many players and fans were hoping for an appearance at State competition.

The team worked hard to reach that goal. Practice every day after school and on weekends and much conditioning was done to maximize the team's potential. Coach Ed Fritz was always pushing his team to the limit.

Sometimes pushing the team was not an easy task.

Senior Jason Curry said, "Every day man, every day, Fritz was mad every day."

When they played, the heart and hustle of this group of young men showed. With tenacious defense and a knack for getting loose balls, every opponent they played was beatable. Unfortunately, although there was a lot of wins in the win column, when it came time to play state caliber teams the Jackets seemed to come up short.

The disappointment of the season was the District championship game against Hickman Mills.

According to Aaron Williams and other players on the team, "Hickman was a very cocky, arrogant team. But they were good."

"They overpowered us inside," agreed Senior Matt Daggett.

But the basketball program has another season ahead. With the loss of only three seniors, the team could soon accomplish that goal of going to the State Tournament.



SOPHOMORE KENNY GROVES SPLITS THE DOUBLE TEAM AGAINST GRANDVIEW. TOURNAMENT TIME - ESPECIALLY AGAINST RIVALS - WAS ALWAYS INTENSE AND EXCITING.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SHANNAHAN

DURING A TIMEOUT, THE BASKETBALL TEAM TAKES TIME TO MAKE SURE THEY KEEP THEIR INTENSITY UP DURING THE GAME. EVERYTIME BEFORE THEY TAKE THE FLOOR THE TEAM YELLS IN UNISON "@#%& THEM UP!"

PHOTO BY SCOTT SHANNAHAN

Q & A

WHAT WERE THE MOST ENJOYABLE MOMENTS OF THE SEASON?



"WHEN I WAS HOOPIN' AGAINST PARK HILL SOUTH."

FRESHMAN
KEYREN SPILLER



"EATING AT GOMER'S DURING THE TOPEKA TOURNAMENT, WINNING AND THE PRE-GAME MEALS."

SENIOR
MATT DAGGETT



BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM: ROW ONE: KYLE WILLIAMS, WALTER TOWNSEND, TIMOTHY CLAYTON, MELVIN COLE, VERNON McNEIL, KENNY GROVES, ANDRE WHITE
ROW TWO: LAMONTE DIXON, JEROME HARRIS, KEYREN SPILLER, BYRON WARD, STEVEN WALLS, JULIUS FLOYD
ROW THREE: MGR. BECKY BRAKE, MGR. STEPHEN EALY, OTIS SMITH, JASON CURRY, MATT DAGGETT, AARON WILLIAMS, RANDON RANDOL, RYAN KEMP, COACH ED FRITZ, COACH STEVE FERRIS
ROW FOUR: COACH BROWN

SENIOR CLIFFORD JUAN HOISTS FRESHMAN ALEX ISOM ONTO HIS MASSIVE SHOULDERS DURING WRESTLING PRACTICE. JUAN HAD AN ANKLE INJURY EARLY IN THE SEASON, BUT THAT DID NOT STOP HIM FROM MAKING THE KANSAS CITY STAR'S WRESTLING HONOR ROLL.

PHOTO BY JOANNA DORIA

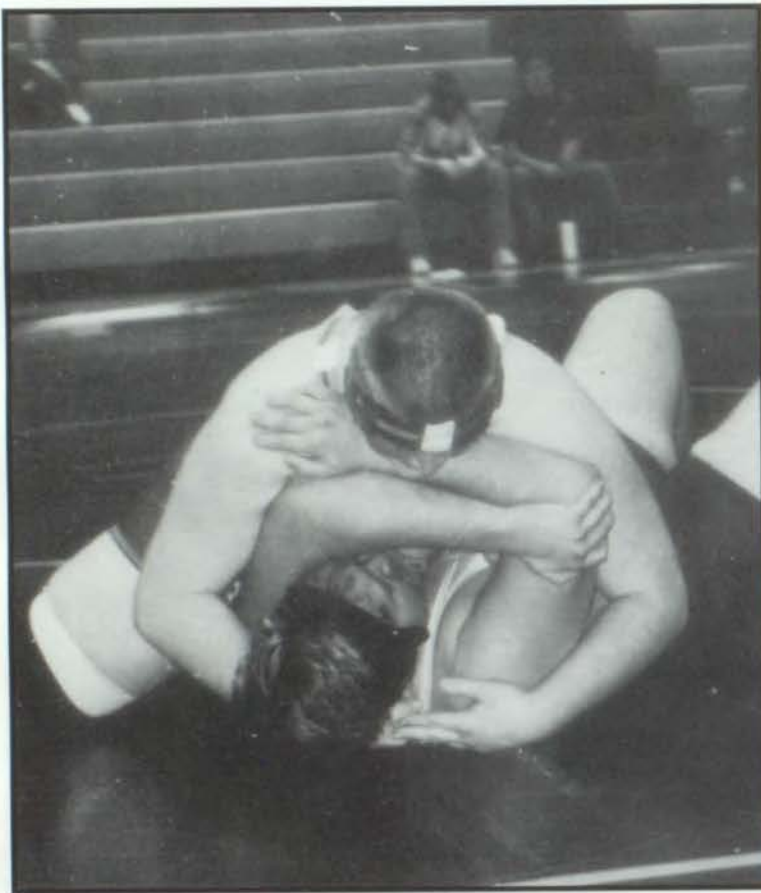
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SEASON RECORD IN DUAL MEETS 2-7

CHS 48 ST. PIUS X	36
CHS 51 RUSKIN	18
CHS 03 RAY-PEC	76
CHS 21 HICKMAN	68
CHS 17 ST. JOE LAF.	54
CHS 12 RAY-SOUTH	68
CHS 15 WARRENSBURG	63
CHS 26 HARRISONVILLE	45
CHS 17 EX. SPRINGS	55
CHS 08 PARK HILL So.	70

TOURNAMENTS

SMITHVILLE - 6TH OF 9 TEAMS
SOUTH HARRISON - 7TH OF 13 TEAMS
CENTER - 4TH OF 7 TEAMS
KEARNEY - 6TH OF 8 TEAMS
DISTRICTS - 7TH OF 9 TEAMS
STATE - 36TH OF 77 TEAMS
SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS - ALEX ISOM, LEIF WISDAHL AND CLIFFORD JUAN
STATE QUALIFIER - CLIFFORD JUAN - 6TH AT STATE

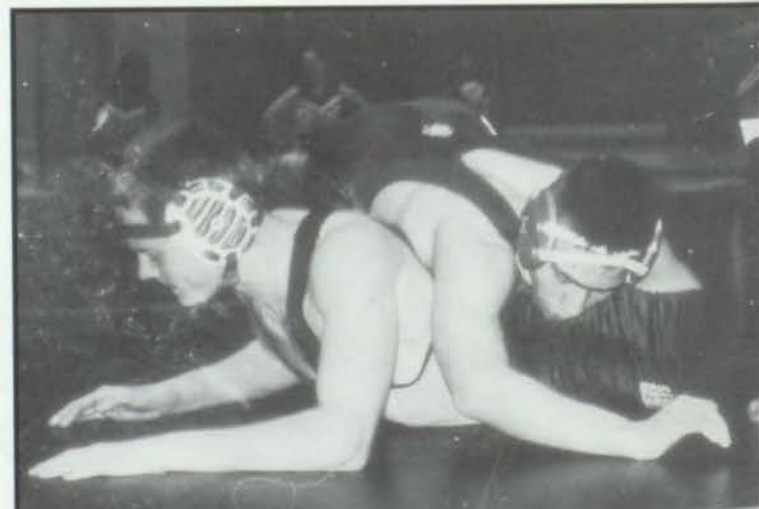
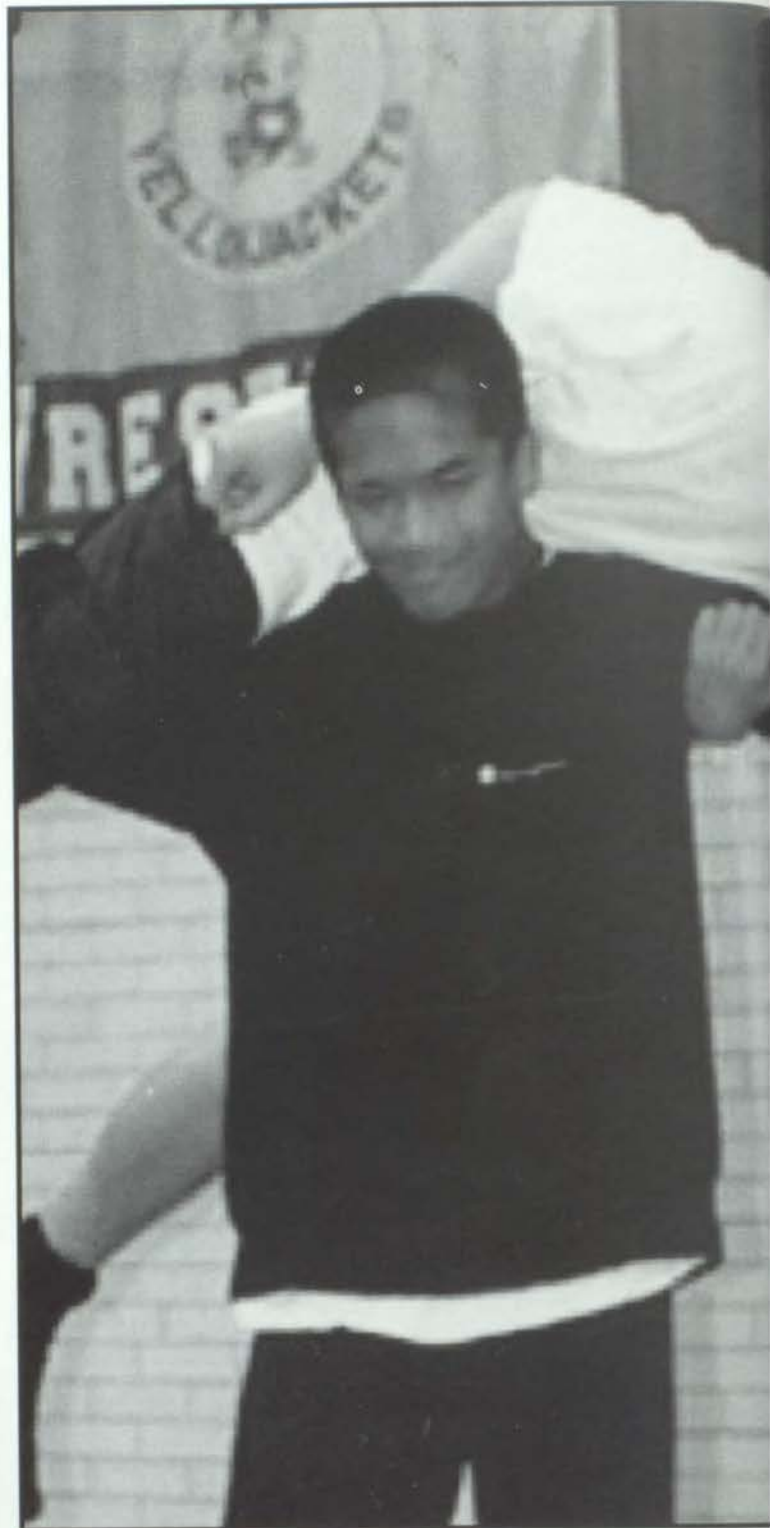


JUNIOR SAM WEILERT DOMINATES HIS OPPONENT, AND AFTER TWO GRUELING ROUNDS, TAGS THE PIN AT DISTRICTS. WEILERT SUFFERED FROM A DEVASTATING KNEE INJURY, BUT HE WRESTLED ALL ON HEART AND QUASHED HIS ADVERSARY.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

JUNIOR WRESTLER TIM PHILLIPS, "BELLIES UP" DURING THIS MATCH AGAINST ST. JOE LAFAYETTE. DURING THE GRUELING MATCH, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO KEEP COMPOSURE AND NOT BE TRAPPED IN A POTENTIAL PIN MOVE.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



Eye of the Tiger

By Neil Corrison

The Center High school wrestling team suffered through many trials including injuries, hunger pains from not eating to make weight, and a small squad that could not fill all weight class matches. But through the dedication and a unquenchable thirst for victory, the wrestling team battled and fought the larger schools to the bitter end. The wrestlers also grappled their way into post season, as seniors Leif Wisdahl and Clifford Juan, and Freshman Alex Isom qualified for Sectionals. Juan went on to qualified for state. Juan finished the wrestling season with 32 wins and 8 losses, 6th at state for 119 pound class, and the Center High School record for Take-downs in a season with 113.

WRESTLING TEAM: ROW ONE: JOE ANDERSON, EMILY WALKER, CLIFFORD JUAN, CHRIS JOHNSTON **ROW TWO:** RYAN CAMPBELL, CHARLES QUINLIN, DAVID SPRIGGS, TIM PHILLIPS, ALEX ISOM, CHRIS BILLANTE **ROW THREE:** COACH RICK SMITH, ANDRE SIDNEY, STEVEN WATSON, TONY ANTONELLO, SAM WEILERT, WILLIAM HAWKINS, SHAWN CAMPBELL, JOSH LONG **NOT PICTURED:** COACH ALAN ISOM, JEFF PEAK



JUNIOR WRESTLER DAVID SPRIGGS LOOKS OVER HIS WEIGHT CLASS SCHEDULE DURING HIS BREAK AT A TOURNAMENT. THE LONG BREAKS BETWEEN MATCHES HELPED WRESTLERS REGAIN COMPOSURE AND REST OVER-EXERTED MUSCLES. PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISON

DURING A BREAK AT DISTRICTS, FRESHMAN ALEX ISOM AND CHRIS BILLANTE PRACTICE THEIR TAKEDOWN MOVES. KEEPING MUSCLES WARM AND LOOSE WAS ESSENTIAL DURING THE LONG BREAKS BETWEEN ROUNDS. PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISON

J.V. BOYS' BASKETBALL

SEASON RECORD 11-5

CHS 60 LINCOLN	33	CHS 62 HICKMAN	65
CHS 58 SMITHVILLE	36	CHS 64 PARKHILL	60
CHS 61 S.M. EAST	58	CHS 67 RUSKIN	63
CHS 55 RAY PEC	47	CHS 69 Ex. SPRING	54
CHS 72 Ex. SPGS	34	CHS 67 S.M. So.	42
CHS 86 RUSKIN	59	CHS 49 RAY So	66
CHS 50 RAY PEC	36	CHS 65 HICKMAN	75
CHS 43 RAY So.	45	CHS 55 PARKHILL	57

FRESH BOYS' BASKETBALL

SEASON RECORD 11-4

CHS 56 PEMHILL	41	CHS 56 RUSKIN	39
CHS 47 HVILLE	54	CHS 34 RAYTOWN	45
CHS 36 RAYPEC	24	CHS 46 HICKMAN	42
CHS 54 RAYPEC	31	CHS 36 HICKMAN	23
CHS 57 Ex.SPGS	36	CHS 41 HILTON	49
CHS 34 PARKHILL	28	CHS 59 B.HOGAN	25
CHS 48 B.HOGAN	36	CHS 54 PARKHILL	46
CHS 19 Ex.SPGS	63		



JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM: ROW ONE: WILLIE WILLIAMS, EDWIN DUNSON, JAMAAL WILEY, SCOTT FAHRMEIER, MICHAEL GROVES, CURTIS PERKINS ROW TWO: ERIC HIBLER, RAMSEY LEWIS, RYAN RACCUGLIA, DAMON DENSON, AAMIR HAFIZ, BECKY BRAKE ROW THREE: PAUL RHODES, SHAHID LANE, DANIEL ROSS-GRAHAM, TERANCE WILLIAMS, MATT GATEWOOD

SOPHOMORE JULIUS FLOYD GUARDS HIS HICKMAN OPPONENT, GOOD DEFENSE IN ADDITION TO A STRONG OFFENSE, MADE A WELL-ROUNDED TEAM.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



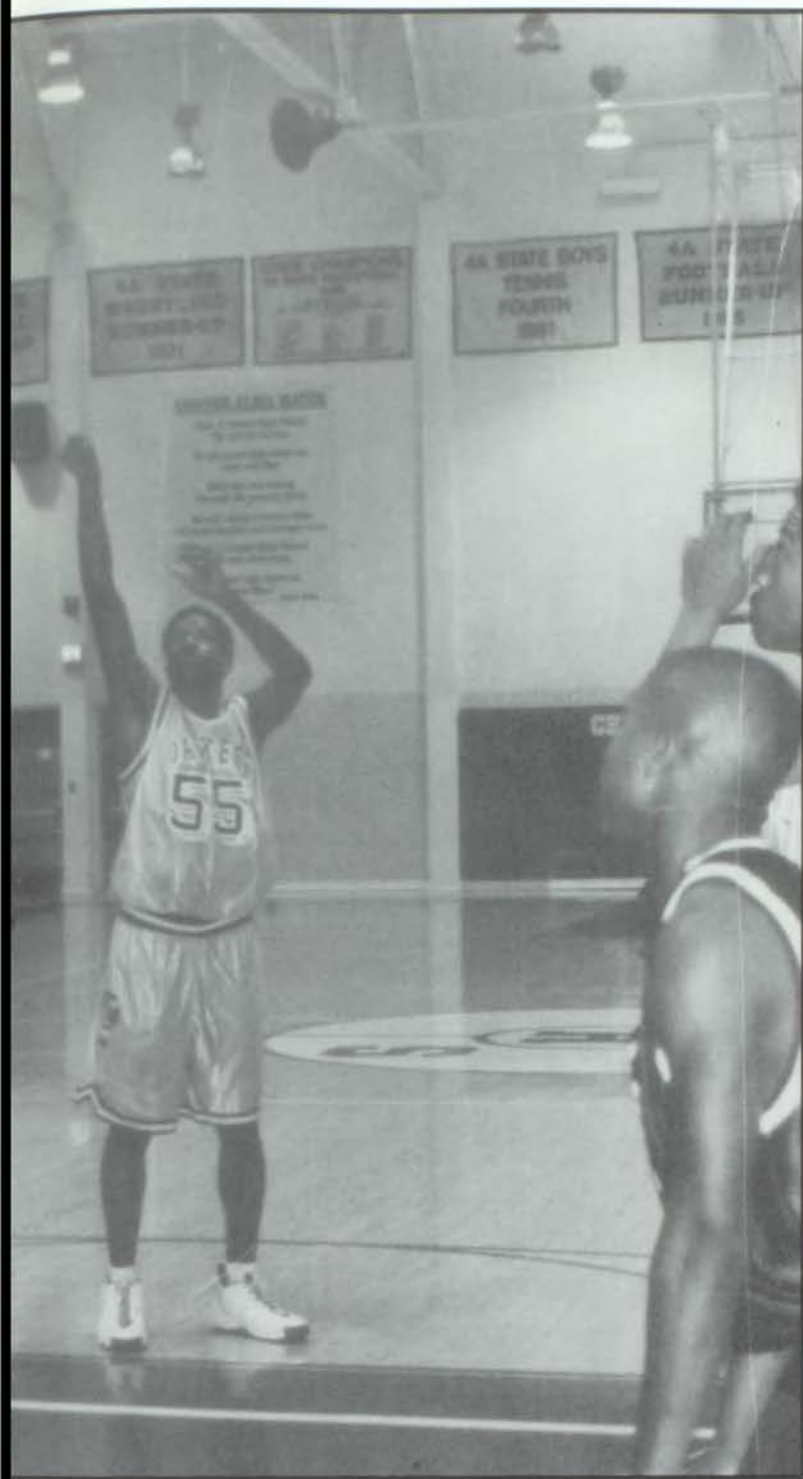
COACH STEVE FARRIS TALKS TO HIS TEAM DURING A TIME-OUT. FARRIS TOOK THIS TIME TO REVIEW PLAYS WITH HIS TEAM IN HOPES TO WIN THE GAME.

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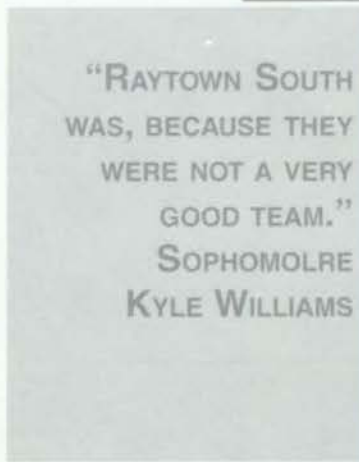


Q & A

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE GAME?



"THE GAME AGAINST HICKMAN MILLS WAS. EVEN THOUGH WE LOST, WE STILL PLAYED LIKE WE HAD PRIDE"
-SOPHOMORE BYRON DIXON



"RAYTOWN SOUTH WAS, BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT A VERY GOOD TEAM."
SOPHOMOLRE KYLE WILLIAMS



FRESHMAN TERANCE WILLIAMS POSES AFTER DRAINING THE BALL FOR FREE THROW POINTS. FREE THROWS OFTEN WERE THE DECIDING FACTOR IN A WIN.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

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SOPHOMORES BYRON DIXON AND STEVEN WALLS PLAY DEFENSE AGAINST LINCOLN PREP. CENTER DEFEATED LINCOLN PREP, ALMOST DOUBLING THEIR SCORE.
PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

FRESHMEN TEAM PLAYERS BATTLE BISHOP HOGAN IN A CLOSE GAME. OVERALL, THE GAME TURNED OUT WELL, WITH A STRONG WIN BY CENTER.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

THE COLOR GUARD MEMBERS FLIP THEIR FLAGS AT THE FALL ASSEMBLY IN ORDER TO ROUSE THE STUDENT BODY. THE COLOR GUARD, ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE MARCHING BAND, HELPED BUILD SCHOOL SPIRIT.

SOPHOMORE HEATHER LOFINK STRUTS HER TWIRLING SKILLS, AT THE SPRING SPIRIT ASSEMBLY. TWIRLING THE FLAG WAS A SKILL THAT TOOK COORDINATION AND HOURS OF PRACTICE TO PERFECT.



**Q
&A**

IN FIVE WORDS,
DESCRIBE THE
COLOR GUARD.



"FUN, BORING,
TIME CONSUMING,
DISORGANIZED"
-RACHEL WILLIAMS
SOPHOMORE

"COLOR GUARD
IS VERY
DRAMATIC."
-HEATHER LOFINK
SOPHOMORE



SOPHOMORES HEATHER LOFINK AND RAYJAH COLLINS, SENIOR KATIE CATES, SOPHOMORES RACHEL WILLIAMS AND ERICA MILBURN, SENIOR MAHASAN TAYLOR, AND SOPHOMORE JANICE CALDWELL POSE ON THEIR HOMECOMING FLOAT. COMMEMORATING THE 1930'S THE COLOR GUARD PORTRAYED CHARACTERS FROM THE CLASSIC MOVIE WIZARD OF OZ.



COLOR GUARD ROW ONE: RACHEL WILLIAMS, MARIANNE GRANDI, CARRIE CALDWELL, MELINDA GRANDI, JANICE CALDWELL, COCHETA MONION, HEATHER LOFINIK, RAYJAH COLLINS **ROW TWO:** MAHASAN TAYLOR, REBECCA BRIONES, BRANDON OLDHAM, KATIE CATES, AMANDA PIERCE, KATIE KORANDO, ERICA MILBURN, NICOLE KING

Fight! Fight! Fight!

Overcoming Adversity

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The colorful flags and the dazzling uniforms of the Color Guard added a wonderful touch to their performance on the court. Hard work and dedication was required to master their twirling moves. Although, like every team, the Color Guard has their own differences,

"Despite our differences, when we are on the court, we worked together. But when we are off court, we mostly fight," said Marianne Grandi, one of the captains of the team.

When the team members were asked why they chose to be on Color Guard, they said it was mostly because they enjoy dancing and they liked the sport.

Sophomore Brandon Oldham loved being the only male on the team.

"It's definitely different being the only guy, but on the other hand it's fun. I love to dance, but can't, so I decided to join the Color Guard."

The girls said having a male on the squad was a change for the better.



SOPHOMORE RAYJAH COLLINS CONCENTRATES HARD TO KEEP HER BALANCE WHILE DOING ONE OF THE MORE DIFFICULT DANCE MOVES AT THE FALL SPIRIT ASSEMBLY.

AT THE HOMECOMING PARADE, JUNIOR REBECCA BRIONES AND SOPHOMORE BRANDON OLDHAM PERFORM THEIR DANCE ROUTINE JOINED BY THE REST OF THE MARCHING BAND. THE HOMECOMING PARADE WAS A TIME FOR THE BAND TO HELP ENLIST SCHOOL SPIRIT.

WHILE TAKING A BREAK AT A GAME, THE J.V. AND VARSITY PLAYERS TAKE TIME TO SPEND WITH EACH OTHER. ALTHOUGH SOME PLAYED ON J.V. AND OTHERS PLAYED ON VARSITY, PLAYERS DIDN'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ONE ANOTHER, AND WORKED TOGETHER TO HELP EACH OTHER.

PHOTO DONATED BY WYKETHA HARRELL

J.V. GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM: ROW ONE: DAVON STRICKLAND ROW TWO: JACKIESHA DAVIS, CHASITY CHASE ROW THREE: KAYLA STRICKLAND, CHRISTIAN RANDLE, MUSRCEDES HOOKS ROW FOUR: COACH ANNA BULTER, KEARA AUSTIN, LAVITA VERSER, LATOYA WILLIAMS, SHANNA BROWN TJUANNA BUCHANAN, COACH ERIC SWANSTORM



**Q
&A**

IF YOU COULD SUM YOUR SEASON UP IN ONE SENTENCE WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHAT DO YOU DO TO GET YOURSELF HYPED BEFORE A GAME?

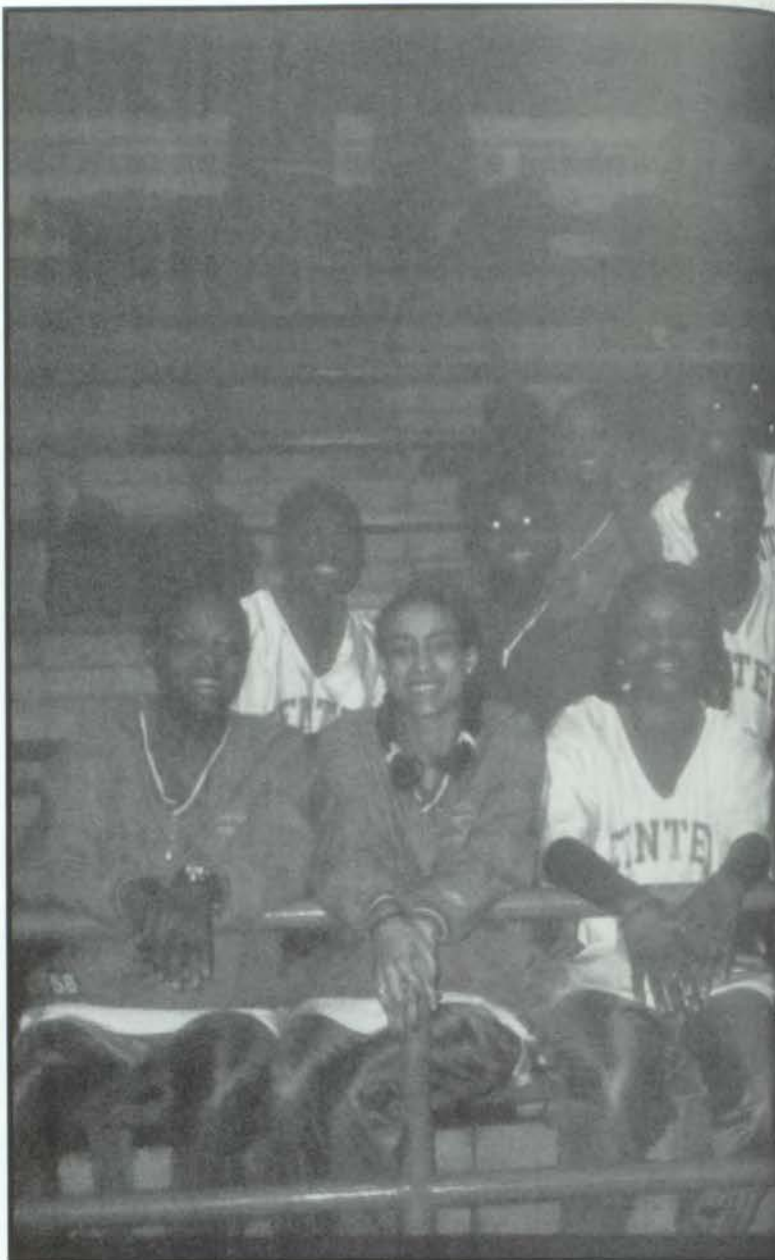


"TO GET MYSELF HYPED, I EAT AND LISTEN TO MUSIC. TO SUM UP MY SEASON IN ONE SENTENCE, I WOULD SAY IT WAS THE BEST I'VE HAD SINCE FRESHMAN YEAR."

NICOLE HARSTAD
SENIOR

"BEFORE A GAME, I LISTEN TO MUSIC AND THINK ABOUT THE STRATEGIES I'M GOING TO USE. TO SUM UP MY SEASON, I HAD MORE FUN WITH OUR NEW COACH THEN THE OLD COACH."

CHASITY CHASE
SOPHOMORE



SOPHOMORE LATOYA WILLIAMS HAS A LOT OF FAITH IN HERSELF THAT SHE WILL MAKE THE FREE THROW SHOT. HER TEAMMATES ANXIOUSLY WAIT AND SEE IF THE BASKET IS GOING IN OR NOT.
PHOTO BY TIRANNEE GIVHAN

Ladies Take Charge on the Court

Girls Basketball

By Tranee' Givhan

Being a part of the Girl's Basketball Team proved to be extremely demanding. Dedication from each player was required to make a successful team. Practice, training, learning new strategies and much sacrifice was required of every teammate.

Freshman J.V. Player Davon Strickland said, "My favorite strategies were trying to show leadership, even though I'm a freshman, playing good defense and being a good point guard. It takes time and practice, but I do it and like it."

Team unity is also essential for the team's success. Having the entire team's support helped each player do well on the court.

Sophomore LaToya Williams said, "I feel the girls on the team work as a team. Like if we are down in a game, we bond and encourage each other, and we come back up and win the game. Also, I feel I can rely and trust my teammates because all during the season we became closer. We are all like sisters."

Some inspiration came off the court. "I love to play basketball and my auntie inspired me," Sophomore Tyjuanna Buchanan said.

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM Row One: JACKIESHA DAVIS, CHRISTIAN RANDLE Row Two: DEANNA JONES, WYKETHA HARRELL, AISHAH AUGUSTA Row Three: DAVON STRICKLAND, KEARA AUSTIN, LA TOYA WILLIAMS, TENISHA FISHER, NICOLE HARSTAD, LAVIITA VERSER **COACHES:** ANNA BUTLER, ERIC SWANSTORM



SENIORS WYKETHA HARRELL, DEANNA JONES AND NICOLE HARSTAD SHOW THAT THEY HAVE A LITTLE TIME BEFORE THE GAME TO HAVE FUN. THE GIRLS PORTRAYED LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS COMARADERIE ON THE TEAM. PHOTO DONATED BY: WYKETHA HARRELL

VAR. GIRLS

SEASON RECORD 12 - 9

CHS 63	CENTRAL	51
CHS 38	LINCOLN	59
CHS 60	N.EAST	40
CHS 38	P.HILL	47
CHS 28	RAY-PEC	25
CHS 40	EX.SP.	37
CHS 40	RUSKIN	37
CHS 21	RAY.S.	28
CHS 61	HICK.	70
CHS 54	OHARA	76
CHS 35	HICK.	56
CHS 41	N.D.SION	51
CHS 48	ST. JOE.	41
CHS 57	P.HILL	54
CHS 40	RAY-PEC	4
CHS 45	WPORT	38
CHS 22	R.SOUTH	35
CHS 44	P HILL	38
CHS 64	EX.SPS	48
CHS 54	RUSKIN	46
CHS 48	LINCOLN	47

J.V. GIRLS

SEASON RECORD 7-8

CHS 59	CENTRAL	32
CHS 37	LINCOLN	35
CHS 56	N. EAST	14
CHS 24	P HILL S	43
CHS 30	RAYPEC	54
CHS 38	EX.S	50
CHS 50	RUSKIN	42
CHS 30	RAY S.	29
CHS 24	HICK	50
CHS 39	OHARA	33
CHS 32	HICKMAN	44
CHS 24	RAYPEC	46
CHS 35	WPORT	4
CHS 38	RAY So.	41
CHS 34	P. So.	51

Q & A WHAT DO YOU LOVE THE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?



"I LIKE WORKING WITH OLDER PEOPLE, AND HAVING FUN WITH THEM. PARK AND JEAN, THIS CUTE COUPLE, ALWAYS TALK ABOUT MY HAIR. PARK LIKES IT."
KATIE KORANDO
SOPHOMORE

"I GET PAID FOR DOING ALMOST NOTHING, AND THEY'RE EVEN CONSIDERING ME FOR A RAISE!"
NAVEED SIDDIQI
SENIOR



"I LOVE ALL THE CUTE GUYS THAT COME IN AND I LOVE SAYING, 'I WORK AT OLD NAVY', BECAUSE IT'S THE COOLEST STORE."
TIARA WEATHERSBY
JUNIOR

SENIORS ANDREW RINGWOOD AND CHRIS LOWRY CLEAN UP AFTER CUSTOMERS AT THE NEWEST FOOD PLACE AT WARD PARKWAY - SOUPER SALAD. THE IDEA OF HAVING A SALAD SELL AS A MEAL WAS QUESTIONABLE AT FIRST, BUT BUSINESS PROVED OTHERWISE.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

SENIOR GINA SOLDI TAKES CARE OF A CUSTOMER AT FAO SCHWARZ TOY STORE, LOCATED AT IN THE PLAZA. SOLDI SAID SHE WAS LUCKY TO WORK AT ONE OF THE ONLY FAO'S IN THE COUNTRY.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ



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JUNIOR DEONNA BOUYE WAITS FOR A GUEST TO CHOOSE A HARD-EARNED PRIZE DURING A VERY BUSY DAY AT THE KID-FRIENDLY RESTAURANT CHUCK E. CHEESE. BOUYE WORKED AS A CASHIER AND HELPED GUESTS CHOOSE THEIR PRIZES, EARNED BY PLAYING GAMES IN THE GAME ROOM.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

JUNIOR AMANDA CORBIN CLEANS UP THE TABLES FOR THE NEXT CUSTOMERS AT THE MARTIN CITY RESTAURANT, RC'S. CORBIN SAID THAT BEING A WAITRESS WAS NOT FUN ALL THE TIME, BUT WORKING WITH PEOPLE WAS WHAT KEPT HER WORKING THERE.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ



SENIOR QUINTIN RANDLE PUTS VIDEOS BACK IN ORDER. WORKING AT A VIDEO STORE, SUCH AS HOLLYWOOD VIDEO, WAS BENEFICIAL FOR STUDENTS, SINCE RENTING MOVIES WAS A FAVORITE OF TEENS.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

JUNIOR JASON FORSON AND FRESHMAN BETHANIE SEIGLER READ OVER STATISTICS WHILE TRYING TO CARRY OUT AN EXPERIMENT SUCCESSFULLY.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SENIOR JOE CARR, JUNIOR NAN LOU, FRESHMAN ANNE GIEDINGHAGEN, JUNIOR MICHAEL GATHER AND FRESHMAN RACHEL WEILERT GATHER AROUND THE TABLE TO PERFORM AN EXPERIMENT AND ENJOY AN AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Q & A

WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING ASPECT OF THE SCIENCE AND ACADEMIC TEAMS?



“BEATING YOURSELF IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OF ALL.”

LUCAS WALLINGFORD
JUNIOR

“THE TOUGHEST PART IS COMPETING BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND YOUR TEAM.”

RACHEL WEILERT
FRESHMAN



FRESHMAN DANIEL FORSON AND JUNIOR JASON FORSON COMPETE IN “DYNAMIC PLANET” IN THE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD. OVERALL, THE FORSONS PLACED FOURTH IN THE COMPETITION.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS



Science and Academic Teams Come Together To

TAKE CHARGE!

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The Science and Academic Teams went head to head with other schools during competitions throughout the year. Led by sponsors Annette Howk and Ann McCoy, the team met every other day at 7 am to practice and learn new quizzing techniques.

The team made great accomplishments.

"We placed 10th in the state of Missouri, and that's something to be proud of," said Howk.

Juniors Brian Holly, Phillip Becker, Jason Forson and Senior Heather Glenn were awarded team medals for All-District team at the Show-Me-State Competition. Only eight team awards were awarded in the state. Overall, the team made great strides and made plans to do even better next year.

SCIENCE TEACHER ANNETTE HOWK, FRESHMAN ANN GIEDINGHAGEN, SENIOR ERIN ANDERSEN, JUNIOR JENNIFER CARR, JUNIOR NAN LOU, SOPHOMORE LAURA ERICKSON, SENIOR HEATHER GLENN, FRESHMAN RACHEL WEILERT AND SCIENCE TEACHER ANN MCCOY POSE AFTER COMING IN THIRD OUT OF 20 SCHOOLS AT THE AVILIA WOMEN'S SCIENCE AND MATH CHALLENGE.

PHOTO DONATED BY ANNETTE HOWK



JUNIOR JENNIFER CARR AND FRESHMAN RACHEL WEILERT TAKE A BREAK AT THE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD. CARR PARTICIPATED IN TWO EVENTS, "QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS" AND "CAN'T JUDGE A POWDER". WEILERT ALSO PLACED IN BOTH EVENTS. SHE COMPETED IN "ROCKS AND MINERALS" AND "ROAD SCHOLAR". BOTH CARR AND WEILERT PLACED FOURTH AND FIFTH PLACE RESPECTIVELY.

PHOTO BY COLIN CHAMBERS

ACADEMIC TEAM

TRUMAN J.V. KNOWLEDGE BOWL	3RD
TRUMAN VARSITY KNOWLEDGE BOWL	5TH
PARK HILL SOUTH QUAD CONFERENCE	3RD
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS - CONFERENCE	2ND
SHOW-ME-STATE DISTRICTS	2ND
KNOWLEDGE STATE OPEN	10TH

Homecoming Swarmed By The

Pollinators

BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

"We will be victorious in Spring Fling, I guarantee it. No I don't," exclaimed Senior Joey Brake.

The Pollinators did everything they could to be successful at Spring Fling. They even participated in the annual Homecoming parade this fall. Being novices in the float-building area, the Pollinators learned how to work together, sometimes for countless hours. Some said that the hardest part of building the float was getting everyone to keep on the task of making the float.

"Getting all the freshmen to do something was the hardest," said Senior Naveed Siddiqi. Others said that just getting materials necessary for the building of their masterpiece was the toughest part.

"Getting sand on the float was the hardest part. We broke into a church's volleyball court and took their sand. We had buckets full of sand, and it had weeds and rocks in them, so they were on the ground of our float," explained Brake. But building the float wasn't all just work and no fun. The guys kept themselves entertained by spending hours in front of the television playing video games, or by having basketball games, or by going to the store to get supplies at odd hours of the night.

"I bought a pocket knife at Wal-mart at 3 a.m., for our costumes," said Senior Jeff Peak.

The Pollinators want to wish a special 'shout-out' to FATT'S mom, "for letting us use your backyard and your 'casa'."

THE AWARD-WINNING POLLINATOR FLOAT, STRUTS ITS STUFF ALONG WITH THEIR MUSCULAR AND BUFF REPRESENTATIVES. THE PARADE TO SHOW OFF FLOATS WAS ALWAYS A FUN TIME FOR STUDENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR CLUBS AND CLASH.
PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

SOPHOMORE ADAM RODRIGUEZ PREPARES FOR A BASKETBALL GAME BY BEING PAINTED UP BY SENIORS JEFF HILL AND JOEY BRAKE. OBTAINING A PAINT JOB WAS ALWAYS A FUN TIME BEFORE GAMES. IT GAVE THE POLLINATORS A CHANCE TO PLAY AROUND WITH DIFFERENT PHRASES TO BE PUT ON THEIR CHESTS.
PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

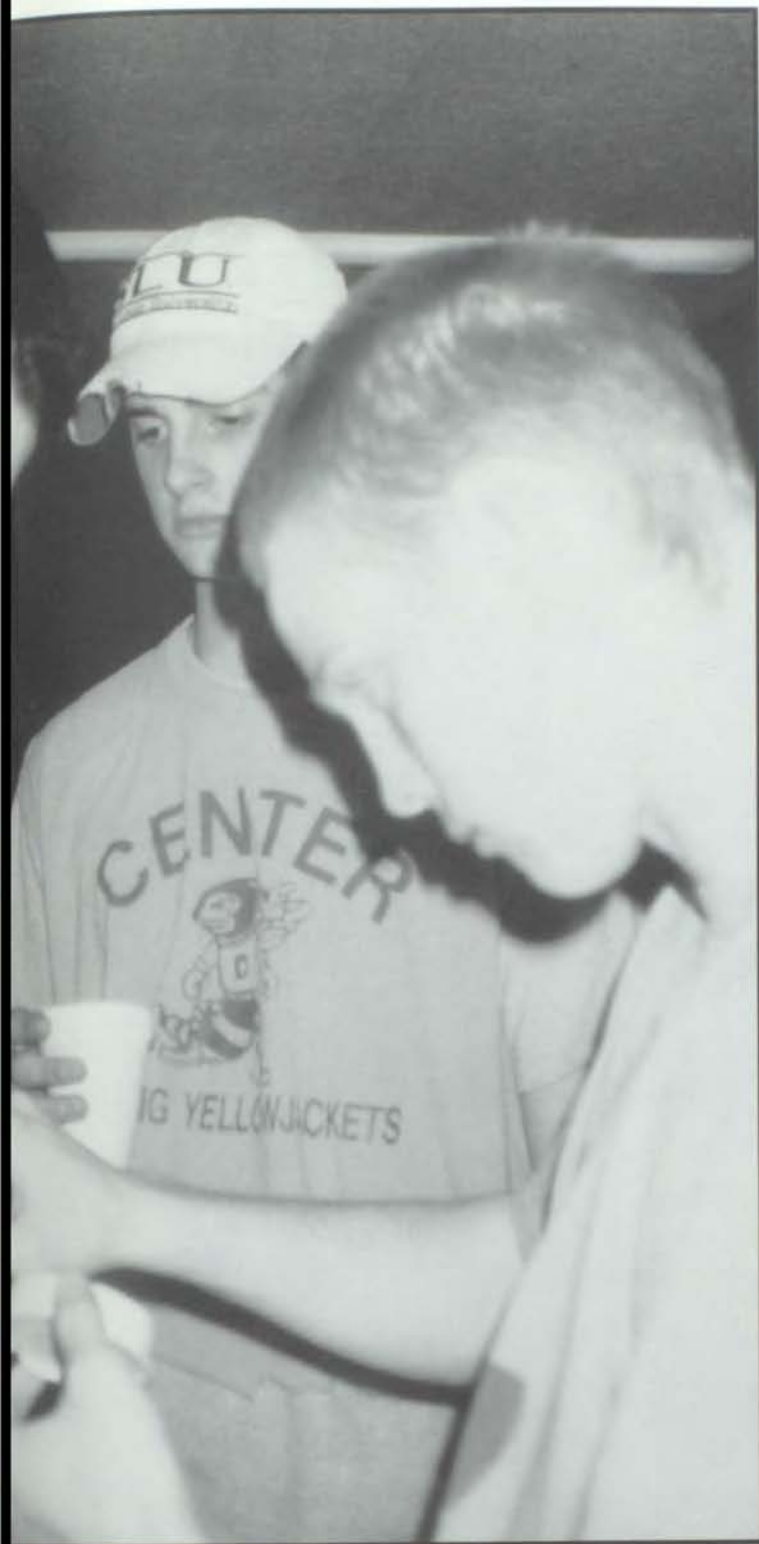


DECKED OUT IN CAMOUFLAGE APPAREL, FRESHMEN BRIAN WELLINGTON, BRENT REAVES, MATT GATEWOOD, RYAN RACCUGLIA, SCOTT FAHRMEIER, RICHIE HILL AND SOPHOMORE ANDREW BARTH, HELP SUPPORT THE WAR-THEMED FLOAT DURING HOMECOMING.
PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



THE FAMOUS WORM WAS PERFORMED TO PERFECTION AT THE DANIELINE SPRING SHOW. POLLINATORS WERE PART OF THE SPECIAL GUESTS WHO KEPT THE CROWD GOING BETWEEN DANCE PERFORMANCES.
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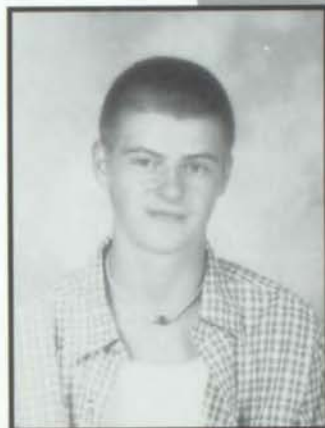




Q A&

“WHAT WAS MOST REWARDING ABOUT MAKING YOUR FLOAT?”

“I LOVED SEEING THE KIDS’ FACES LIGHT UP WHEN WE DROVE BY.”
JOEY BRAKE
SENIOR



“THE MOST REWARDING PART OF MAKING A FLOAT WAS STAYING UP UNTIL THREE IN THE MORNING, ON A SCHOOL NIGHT TO WORK ON IT.”
BRIAN WELLINGTON
FRESHMAN



**1999-2000 POLLINATORS: ROW ONE: N. SCHEIDERMAN, S. SHANNAHAN, N. CORRISTON, J. HILL, J. PEAK, J. BRAKE, N. SIDDIQI
 ROW TWO: A. RODRIGUEZ, A. JOHNSON, I. SIDDIQI, R. HILL, A. ISOM, A. BARTH ROW THREE: M. GATEWOOD, S. FAHRMEER, R. RACCUGLIA, B. WELLINGTON AND B. BLACKMAN**



KEEPING THE CROWD ROWDY BETWEEN TIME-OUTS, THE POLLINATORS RUN AROUND CHEERING AND YELLING FOR THE JACKETS. THIS WAS ONLY ONE WAY THE POLLINATORS KEPT THE CROWD IN THE GAME.
 PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

FIRST WORLDS FAIR

1900's-
2000



SENIORS RIDE ON THEIR AWARD-WINNING FLOAT DURING THE AFTERNOON PARADE ON THE DAY OF HOMECOMING. THE FLOAT, WHICH FEATURED A FERRIS WHEEL WHICH ACTUALLY TURNED, WON SECOND PLACE IN THE FLOAT CONTEST.

a time to live

Layout By Renee Betts



SENIOR NAVEED SIDDIQI CONCENTRATES ON CENTERING HIS CLAY.

"CENTERING IS VERY HARD SOMETIMES. IT TAKES FOREVER BECAUSE THE CLAY HAS TO BE EXACTLY PERFECT."

PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD



SENIOR SHANNON HEFFERNAN FINDS HERSELF TOPPED OFF BY A SALSA LID. HEFFERNAN GAVE A NEW MEANING TO THE WORD SALSA DURING THE INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN FESTIVAL IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SENIOR FATIMA GONZALEZ CAREFULLY COUNTS HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF PENNIES WHICH WERE GIVEN IN THIS YEAR'S PENNY DROP, SPONSORED BY THE KEY CLUB. DONATIONS CAME TO THE TOTAL OF \$1,546.17.

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turn SPRING
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Mary Ajarapu
 Erin Andersen
 Devin Anderson
 Fazayah Augusta
 Brandon Bailey



Ananda Baucom
 Wendell Bell
 Chiquita Ben-Shidah
 Stephanie Berry
 Jason Bessenbacher



Rene'e Betts
 Natalie Blancett
 Jemaine Booker
 Joey Brake
 Marty Brown



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 Joe Carr
 Ashley Cashen
 Katie Cates
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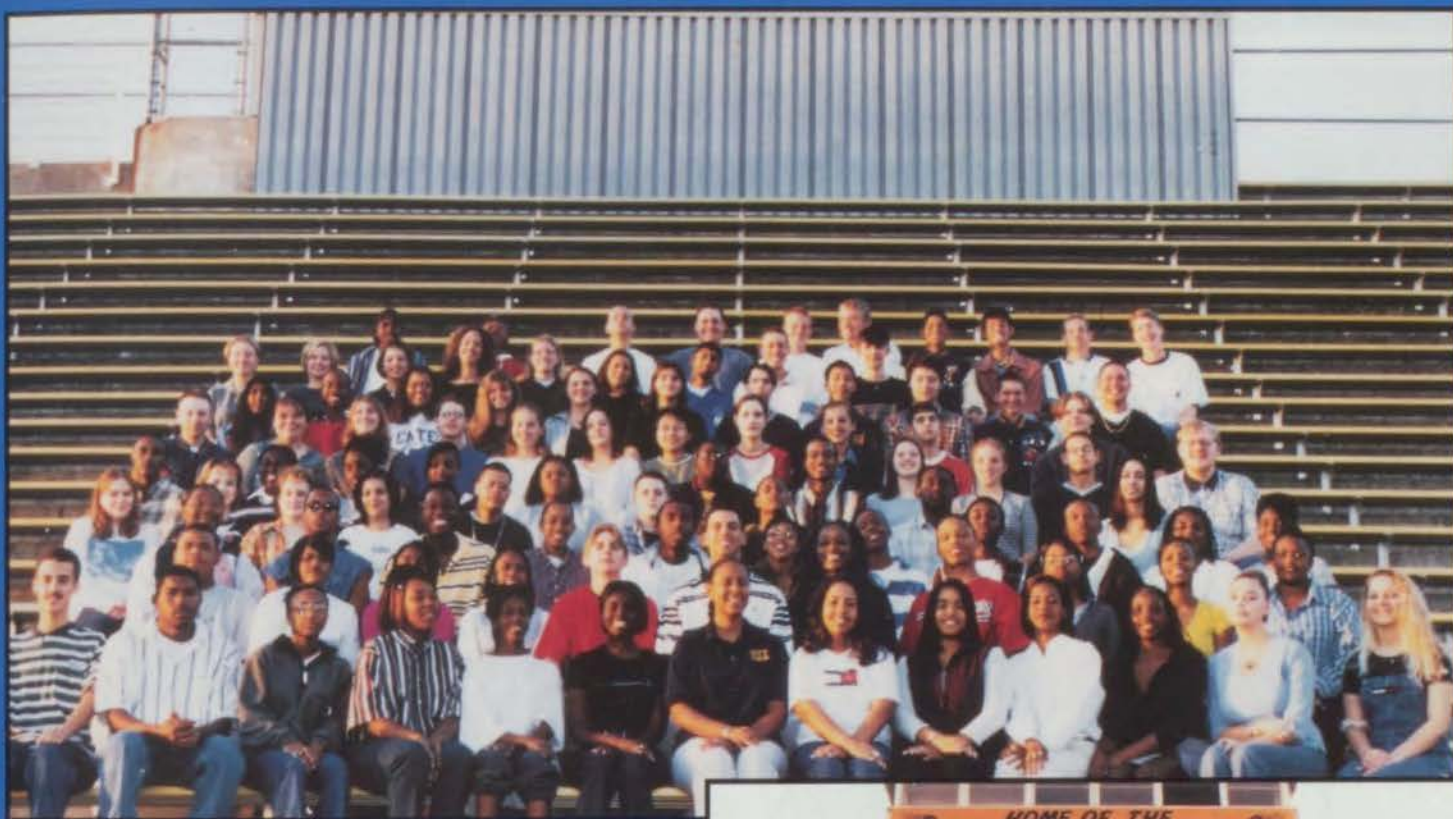


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There?

SENIORS REMEMBER THE PAST BUT WALK FORWARD



Now.....

THE CLASS OF 2000 AS THEY APPEARED ON NOVEMBER 20, 1999.

Then.....

THE CLASS OF 2000 AS THEY APPEARED ON APRIL 29, 1988.



Lamonte Dixon
Klyana Dodd
Derek Ewing
John Fultz
Heather Glenn



Fatima Gonzalez
Melinda Grandi
Kevin Harbin
Wyketha Harrell
Jerome Harris

Seniors look to the

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future

TO FIND SUCCESS IN LIFE!

WHAT DO YOU SEE IN YOUR CRYSTAL BALL?



"I SEE MYSELF WINNING THE LOTTERY, BEING RICH, AND NEVER HAVING TO WORK."

**NAVEED
SIDDIQI**



"I SEE MYSELF AS A BIG FASHION DESIGNER, MARRIED, AND LIVIN' LAVISH."

**TRAVIS
O'REILLY**



"I SEE MYSELF AS A POLITICIAN, SO I CAN CONTINUE ON MY LYING SPREE TO ALL YOU TERRIFIC PEOPLE."

**MELINDA
GRANDI**

WORKING HARD

SENIOR DALLAS HULL IS WORKING HARD REWRITING HIS TECHNICAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT CLASS WORK AT THE VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL. MANY SENIORS LEAVE AFTER FOURTH HOUR FOR VO-TECH TO EXPAND ON THEIR REAL-LIFE WORK SKILLS.



Ananda Baucom

As long as Senior Ananda Baucom could remember, she wanted to be in the music business. She had aspirations to be a singer and a song writer.

"Singing has been a life-long dream of mine," she said. "My vocal teacher, Mrs. Lemmon, was my influence because she was always very supportive of my dreams."

Mariah Carey was also an inspiration to Baucom because she liked her style of singing. Over time, Baucom developed her own style of singing.

Baucom participated in many musical plays from elementary to high school. In high school, she accomplished a lot, including participation in the musical "Cinderella" at Lee's Summit Community Theater as well as the District and State competitions for voice and trumpet, where she won awards.

As for future plans, Baucom wants to attend the U.M.K.C. Conservatory and major in the arts.



UNDER THE SUN

SENIOR AARON PEARSON TAKES A BREAK FROM HIS ORDINARY CLASSROOM DESK TO DO HIS WORK OUTSIDE BY THE GREEN HOUSE. TEMPERATURES IN THE 80'S LASTED INTO NOVEMBER, ALLOWING STUDENTS TO EXPAND THEIR STUDY AREA.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

STUDYING DIRT

SENIOR PATRICK SUCKIEL SHOWS HIS GREEN THUMB IN HORTICULTURE CLASS. THIS CLASS ALLOWED STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT PLANTS AND WORK IN THE SCHOOL GREENHOUSE.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

The Millennium Class

2000

SETTING AN EXAMPLE

Being a part of the Class of 2000 had its ups and downs, its responsibilities and definitely its share of unanswered questions. Seniors had mixed feelings about graduating in the last year of the millennium, but most thought that being a senior was exciting and exhilarating.

"It feels great since we're on top. Future classes can follow in our footsteps," Crystal McIntosh said.

Sarra Raja said she feels different and eccentric as a part of the Senior Class and responsible for setting a good example to the underclassmen.

"We're unique because we are the Class of '00, but all seniors should set an example," Raja said.

Rheyla Christine said that the responsibility of being a senior was incredibly stressful, knowing the underclassmen looked up to her.

"Because I have more experience in this school, of course underclassmen are going to look up to us," David Crossley said. Crossley agreed that seniors should provide a way for future seniors to behave in the academic setting.

Matt Daggett said that since the seniors are the "Millennium Class" more attention was brought to the class and that many labels were placed on them. Daggett pointed out that the seniors had much to live up to, including the "Smoke-Free Class of 2000" and the "Class of the Millennium".

The class of 2000 made a point to show underclassmen many positive lessons so that high standards will be set for future graduates at CHS.



A WORK OF ART IN THE MAKING

CHRISTAIN JUAN WORKS ON CLEANING UP HIS PROJECT IN CERAMICS CLASS. MANY STUDENTS LIKED TO SHOW THEIR ARTISTIC ABILITIES IN CERAMICS, DESIGN, DRAWING AND PAINTING AND JEWELRY CLASSES.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SHANNAHAN



ALL IN A HARD DAY'S WORK

WYKETHA HARREL WORKS ON AN ASSIGNMENT DURING SOME FREE TIME WHILE WORKING AS AN OFFICE-AID. OFFICE-AIDS SORTED FILES, ANSWERED PHONES AND RAN VARIOUS OTHER ERRANDS.

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TACKLING DUMMY

JEFF HILL TACKLES AN UNSUSPECTING VICTIM WHILE JOEY BRAKE SEIZES THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET IN A QUICK SMILE AT CAMPAIGNERS, A WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY. ALTHOUGH THE SENIORS ATTENDED CAMPAIGNER MEETINGS EARLY IN THE MORNING, THEY STILL LOVED TO HAVE FUN.

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Nicole Harstad
Eric Haynes
Shannon Heffernan
Jeff Hill
Larhonda Hill



Carrie Howard
Mark Hurst
Andrew Jackson
Stephen John
Amy Johnson



Erica Johnson
LaMonica Johnson
Lee Johnson
Deanna Jones
Monica Jones



Peggy Joy
Christian Juan
Clifford Juan
Jennifer Keeney
Lakeisha Langston



Chris Lowry
Ma'Kenna McNeely
Charles Miller
John Milone
Amy Mitchell



Sha'Kiea Nelson

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

SENIORS ANANDA BAUCOM, NEIL CORRISTON, FATIMA GONZALEZ AND PASHA HOSSEINI RECITE THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY PLEDGE DURING THE INDUCTION CEREMONY.

PHOTO BY TINA DASARI

Seniors remember

LOOKIN' LIKE A FOOL

The humility of it all...

SENIORS LOOK BACK ON EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

"DURING ONE OF THE PEP ASSEMBLIES THIS DUDE NAMED SAM PULLED MY BASKETBALL SHORTS DOWN AND I WAS MOONING THE WHOLE SCHOOL!"

EUGENE SUMMERS

"ONCE, WHILE TAKING A TEST AND I DIDN'T KNOW ANY OF THE STUFF, SO I WAS CHEATING ON THE WHOLE THING. THEN, I TURNED AROUND AND SAW THAT THE TEACHER HAD BEEN WATCHING ME THE WHOLE TIME."

JOE WELLS

"AT CHURCH ONE SUNDAY, I WAS WALKING DOWN THE AISLE TO PUT MY MONEY IN THE BASKET AND MY SLIP FELL DOWN AND I FELL FLAT ON MY FACE IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY."

NATALIE WEBB

"ONE NIGHT I WAS BEING REALLY SILLY AND I DECIDED TO MARKALL OVER MY FACE WITH A HIGHLIGHTER , AND THE NEXT DAY MY LIPS WERE GLOWING"

RHEYLA CHRISTINE

Toan Nguyen
Lynsey Nixon
Travis O'Reilly
Jeff Peak



Aaron Pearson
Zachary Peister
Sarraj Raja
Amber Randle

up close Carrie Caldwell

LEADING THE WAY WITH MUCH FAME AND FORTUNE WAS OFTEN A WAY OF LIFE FOR INVOLVED STUDENTS. MANY WONDER, IS IT POSSIBLE FOR ONE TO BE INVOLVED, HAVE LEADERSHIP, MAKE GOOD GRADES, AND STILL BE KNOWN FOR SOMETHING OTHER THAN JUST THEIR INVOLVEMENT?

THE ANSWER WAS YES. SENIOR CARRIE CALDWELL WAS INVOLVED IN ALMOST EVERY CLUB AT CHS. TO NAME A FEW WILL NOT BE AN EASY TASK. CALDWELL WAS PRESIDENT OF -Sci, HISTORIAN FOR KEY CLUB, ON THE PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE FOR SGA, ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PLAYERS 58, GERMAN CLUB, HI-STEP, ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB, AND YOUTH FRIENDS. CALDWELL'S REASONS FOR BEING INVOLVED ARE SIMPLE.

"IT KEEPS ME BUSY, AND OUT OF TROUBLE. AND, I REALLY LIKE WHAT THE CLUBS STAND FOR, AND WHAT THEY DO FOR OTHER PEOPLE." SAID CALDWELL.

CALDWELL HAS ALWAYS STRIVED TO MAKE THE BEST OF HER HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, AND REALLY ONLY HAD ONE THING TO SAY ABOUT IT.

"MAKE ALL YOU CAN OF IT, DO ALL YOU CAN, BE AS INVOLVED AS YOU CAN. MAKE IT THE BEST YEARS OF YOUR LIFE, BECAUSE THEY ARE."



DANCIN' THE NIGHT AWAY

SENIOR PASHA HOSSEINI DANCES THE NIGHT AWAY WITH JUNIOR EBONI JOHNSON AT THE HOMECOMING DANCE. MANY SENIORS TRIED TO MAKE THEIR LAST HOMECOMING EXTRA SPECIAL.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



SHARIN' HAIR

SENIOR JOE CARR GIVES THE HAIR OFF HIS HEAD FOR HAIRLESS FRESHMAN MARK QUINLIN. CARR AND QUINLIN WERE SPENDING THEIR AFTERNOON IN THE CAFETERIA DUE TO A STORMY DAY FOR THE ANNUAL KEY CLUB SOFTBALL GAME.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



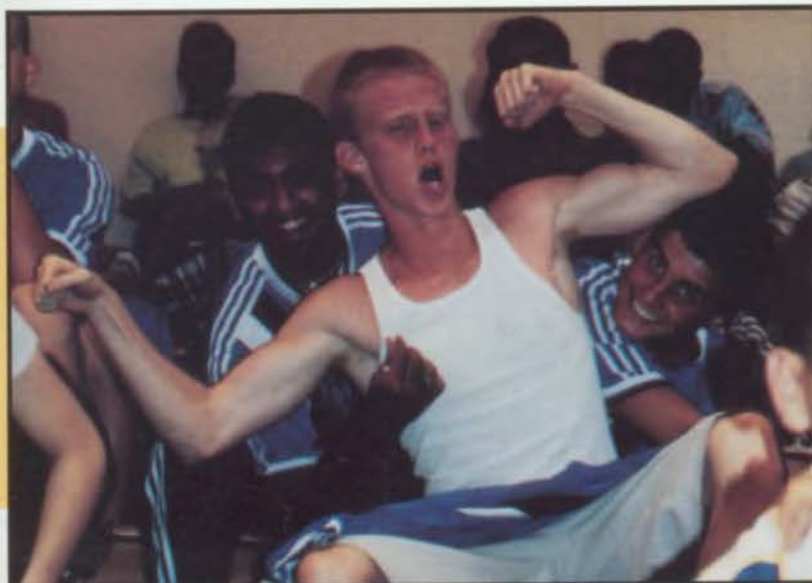
CHEERIN' 'EM ON!

SENIORS MORGAN RIDGEWAY AND RASHAWNDA WALKER CHEER FOR FOOTBALL TEAM AS THEY PLAY AGAINST WASHINGTON. THE CHEER LEADERS SHOWED THEIR SUPPORT BY ATTENDING BOTH AWAY AND HOME GAMES.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

SHOWIN' SPIRIT

SENIORS NAVEED SIDDIQI, JOE BRAKE AND JEFF HILL SHOW THEIR SCHOOL SPIRIT AT A FALL PEP ASSEMBLY. SIDDIQI, BRAKE AND HILL WERE ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE POLLINATORS. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Quintin Randle
Morgan Ridgeway
Andrew Ringwood
Maria Romero
Shalanda Sanders



Nick Scheuerman
Scott Shannahan
Naveed Siddiqi
Brian Singer
Tiffany Smith



Nick Snorgrass
Gina Soldi
Fostina Stevens
Darren Stone
Darrin Taylor



Katrina Taylor
Mahasan Taylor
Tiffany Twitchel
Amberly Wagner



Rashawnda Walker
Lindsey Weaver
Natalie Webb
Joe Wells



Aaron Williams
LaDetra Williams
Megan Wise
Eric Zugelder



Senior Style

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Fashion

POINT OF CONCERN

WHAT TO WEAR, WHAT TO WEAR



"ALL GOLD - GOLD SHOES, SOCKS, SHIRT, PANTS AND GOLD BOXERS."

FRANK HILL



I WOULD WEAR A JAMAICAN WRAP AROUND SKIRT AND A BLACK TANK TOP.

ASHLEY CASHEN



"BLACK BAGGY KICKWEAR PANTS, A WHITE THERMAL SHIRT WITH A BLACK KICKWEAR SHIRT OVER IT, BLACK CONTACTS AND BLACK SOAPS."

DALLAS KING



"I WOULD WEAR SHINY SILVER PANTS, A SILVER SHIRT, SILVER SHOES AND SILVER ACCESSORIES."

AMBERLY WAGNER

COPY AND DESIGN BY NEIL CORRISTON



GOLD FINGER

SENIOR ROBBIE WILLIAMS FLASHES HIS GOLD JEWELRY. THIS GOLD JEWELRY HAS HELPED WILLIAMS SHOW HIS FLARE, BUT HAS ALSO PUT A DENT IN THE WALLET, WITH SOME OF HIS JEWELRY RANGING IN THE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS. "I LIKE IT BECAUSE IT SHOWS HOW BIG OF A PLAYER I AM," WILLIAMS SAID.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON

KARMA CHAMELEON

SENIOR JOE CARR CAN BE SEEN EVERYDAY FLASHING HIS UNIQUE STYLE OF VINTAGE CLOTHING AND DUCT TAPE. THE EVER RESOURCEFUL CARR HAS MADE A BACKPACK, WALLET AND A HAT USING THE GRAY ADHESIVE. "I LOVE VINTAGE CLOTHING BECAUSE IT SO MUCH MORE COLORFUL. AT A THRIFT STORE THERE ARE 20 MILLION SHIRTS THAT ARE ALL DIFFERENT."

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



Long Time

Seniors

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IN THE DISTRICT FOREVER



APRIL 29, 1988

KINDERGARTNERS FROM ALL FOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TOOK A TRIP TO THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR FUN GAMES AND CANDY. PART OF THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED MAKING A GIANT 2000 ON THE FIELD.

PHOTO DONATED BY CHUCK HOWARD

THIRTEEN YEARS IS A LONG TIME TO SPEND ANYWHERE AND FOR A SMALL PERCENT OF THE CLASS OF 2000 THE CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS WHERE THE PAST 13 YEARS WERE SPENT. SINCE KINDERGARTEN, MANY CHANGES WERE SEEN - FRIENDS CHANGED AND TEACHERS CHANGED. BUT FOR A FEW SENIORS, THE ONE THING THAT REMAINED CONSTANT WAS CENTER.



SENIORS NOT PICTURED

KRYSTLE BANKS
MEIA BOLES
NAKEIDA BOOKER
JESSICA BUNDY
SARA BURHAMAM
KEITH BURRIS
CARRIE CALDWELL
JUSTIN CAPLAN
RHEYLA CARTER-HALL
CANDICE CHATMAN
BIN CHEN
JOHNNIE COLEMAN
SHANNON COX
DAVID CROSLY
LATOYA CRUZ

DAVID DUNN
BRANDON EVANS
PATRICK FLATTERY
JESSICA FOWLER
DEMOND GATES
GILDON MARCUS
GILLES RICHARD
GODESY TYEDIA
JERALD GROVES
LATANYA HARVEY
LARIHONDA HILL
EINNERFORD HILL
PASHA HOSSEINI
CHARLES HOWELL
DALLAS HULL

SANTESHA JOHNSON
LEONARD JONES
LANCE LEWIS
WHITNEY MALLON
CERISE MARTEL
KISHA MCCLINTON
NORMAN McDONALD
CRYSTAL MCINTOSH
SHASHANDA MITCHELL
JOSEPH MURRAY
CHRISTOPHER RILEY
ANDREW RINGWOOD
NICHOLE ROBERTS
CARLOS RODRIGUES
WILLIAM RUNNELS

KELLEY STEVENS
JULIAN STOKAS
TAMIKA SULLIVAN
EUGENE SUMMERS
JOSIAH SWARD
CEDRIKA TAYLOR
MAHASAN TAYLOR
SHANIQUEA TOWNSEND
EDWIN VIDES
KEVIN WALKER
MARCILENNA WASHINGTON
ROBBIE WILLIAMS
LEIF WISDAHL
KELLI WOODS
BRIAN WORTS
ER YU



Yummy, Yummy

SENIORS, ERIN ANDERSON AND SHANNON HEFFERNAN TAKE A COTTON CANDY BREAK AT A FOOTBALL GAME. WORKING THE CONCESSION STAND WAS A LOT OF WORK BUT WAS A PROFITABLE FUND RAISER. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Amber

"I HAVE BEEN IN THE DISTRICT MY WHOLE LIFE AND I'M GLAD THAT I HAVE STAYED AT CENTER. ONLY TWO PEOPLE FROM INDIAN CREEK HAVE BEEN HERE WITH ME THE ENTIRE TIME. IT IS REALLY NEAT TO THINK ABOUT HOW LONG SOME OF US HAVE BEEN HERE. I REMEMBER A LITTLE BIT ABOUT GOING TO THE HIGH SCHOOL IN KINDERGARTEN. THE THINGS THAT I REMEMBER THE MOST ARE MAKING THE 2000 ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD. WE GOT A LOT OF CANDY AND I REMEMBER MEETING A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE FROM THE OTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. IT WAS A LOT OF FUN."

AMBER RANDLE.



GROOVIN'

SENIORS, JEFF HILL AND BRANDON BAILEY RELAX WHILE WATCHING THE J.V. SOCCER GAME IN KEARNEY. BOTH HILL AND BAILEY ATTENDED SCHOOL IN THE CENTER DISTRICT SINCE KINDERGARTEN. PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ



SCHOOL PRIDE

NICK SCHEURMAN, NAVEED SIDDIQI, JEFF HILL AND JOEY BRAKE STAND AT A PEP ASSEMBLY TO SING THE ALMA MATER FOR ONE OF THE LAST TIMES AT CENTER. SIDDIQI, HILL AND BRAKE SPEND THEIR ENTIRE ACADEMIC LIFE IN THE CENTER DISTRICT.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



KICKIN' IT

FIRST-GRADE SOCCER STUDS MATT DAGGETT, JOE CARR, JEFF PEAK AND JEFF HILL LOOK SHARP FOR THEIR RED BRIDGE SOCCER LEAGUE PICTURE. PEAK AND HILL WENT ON TO PLAY SOCCER FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM, WHILE CARR AND DAGGETT BECAME INVOLVED IN OTHER ACTIVITIES.

PHOTO DONATED BY
JOE CARR



SQUEEZE IN EVERYONE!

WHILE TRYING TO KEEP WARM DURING AN EIGHTH-GRADE FIELD TRIP, MORGAN RIDGEWAY, RENE'E BETTS, CARRIE HOWARD, NEIL CORRISTON AND STEPHEN JOHN SMILE FOR THE CAMERA. GOING TO THE ZOO GAVE THE STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND ENJOY TIME WITH FRIENDS.

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TAKIN' A DIP

WHILE CATCHING SOME RAYS AT THE LOCAL POOL, SECOND-GRADERS LINDSEY WEAVER, CARRIE HOWARD, GINA SOLDI AND ANANDA BAUCOM HAVE FUN CELEBRATING SOLDI'S EIGHTH BIRTHDAY PARTY.

PHOTO DONATED BY
GINA SOLDI



Taking a trip down

memory

LANE

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AS SENIORS, STUDENTS BEGIN REALIZING THAT THEIR CARE-FREE DAYS OF CHILDHOOD WERE LIMITED. HERE, THEY SHARE SOME OF THEIR MOST FOND MEMORIES.

"WHEN I WAS ABOUT NINE-YEARS-OLD, I LIVED IN AN APARTMENT WITH A BALCONY, AND THERE WAS THIS PIGEON THAT ALWAYS LAID HER EGGS THERE. MY LITTLE BROTHER AND I WOULD OPEN UP THE RAW EGG AND HELP IT 'BREATH' BETTER. AS WE DID OUR GOOD DEED, MY BROTHER WOULD ALWAYS SHOUT OUT, 'G.I. JOE TO THE RESCUE!'"

MARIA ROMERO

"WHEN I WAS EIGHT-YEARS-OLD, MY DAD, MY BROTHER AND I DID THE THING BEFORE ROYALS GAMES WHERE YOU CARRY THE FLAG ON THE FILED. WE DID IT FOR THE CUB SCOUTS AND IT WAS FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. MY FAVORITE BASEBALL PLAYER, GEORGE BRETT WAS THERE AND I GOT TO SEE HIM."

NICK SCHEUERMAN

"MY BROTHERS USED ME AS A BOWLING BALL. WHEN I WAS LITTLE, MY BROTHER ASKED ME IF I WANTED TO PLAY BOWLING AND I AGREED. THEY ROLLED ME ACROSS THE FLOOR AND THEN I HIT SOME CUPS. I REALLY WAS HAVING A NICE TIME UNTIL I GREW OLDER. UNTIL THIS DAY, MY BROTHERS ARE STILL LAUGHING ABOUT THAT."

AMBER RANDLE

"IN THIRD GRADE OR SO, I GOT THE GAME-WINNING HIT. IT WAS FOR MY LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYOFFS AND I ALSO GOT TO KEEP THE GAME BALL AFTERWARDS."

QUINTON RANDLE

"WHEN I TURNED SIX, I HAD THIS BIG MINNIE MOUSE PARTY. I INVITED ALL OF MY FRIENDS AND WE HAD A WOMAN COME DRESSED UP AS MINNIE MOUSE AND JOHN MILONE AND MATT DAGGETT KEPT FOLLOWING HER AROUND SAYING, 'I LOVE YOU'. IT WAS PRETTY FUNNY."

ASHLEY CASHEN



SMILE!

JUNIOR OLYMPIC PARTICIPANTS KATIE CATES AND AMY MITCHELL ENJOY THEIR TIME OFF FROM THE RIGOROUS DAY OF COMPETITION. SIXTH GRADERS FROM THE ENTIRE DISTRICT MET AT THE HIGH SCHOOL TO COMPETE FOR PRIZES.

PHOTO DONATED BY KATIE CATES



JUMPIN' AND JIVIN'!

GIRL SCOUTS AMY JOHNSON AND RENE'E BETTS TAKE A BREATHER AFTER DANCING ALL NIGHT AT THE GIRL SCOUT FATHER-DAUGHTER SOCK HOP. BETTS' UNCLE JOINED HER IN PLACE OF HER FATHER WHO COULDN'T ATTEND.

PHOTO DONATED BY AMY JOHNSON

MATT DAGGETT

"DURING MY FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL I JUST WANTED TO HAVE FUN - IT DEFINITELY WASN'T STUDYING. NOW THAT I AM OLDER, I SEE STUDIES A WHOLE LOT DIFFERENTLY."

CRYSTAL McINTOSH

"DURING MY FRESHMEN YEAR MY BIGGEST PRIORITY WAS TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH MY GOALS. NOW, AS A SENIOR I HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ALL MY GOALS AND HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES."



Seniors

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Reflected

ON THE DAYS AS A FRESHMAN



"During my first year, upper-classmen loved to mess up my hair. I also was friends with a lot of seniors. Being a senior now - there is no one to mess up my hair and a lot of lower classmen are my friends."

joe carr



"Sports was my biggest priority my freshman year and I didn't think about homework that much. Being a senior has changed a lot of things. My homework comes first."

nichole harstad



"I really enjoyed my freshmen year. I was friends with a lot of seniors and was treated with respect. Being a senior now I don't have to worry about being disrespected."

Ananda Baucom



"Fitting in and trying to get good grades were my biggest priorities my freshman year. As a senior, fitting in is not a problem, and my grades are taken care of."

shashanda mitchell



Marglena

When I was a freshman, my most common nicknames were Marci and Shorty. Having fun was my biggest priority. In Hawaii, where I used to live, they really didn't pick on me much. I was treated with a lot respect and was friends with a lot of seniors. Now it is my turn to be a senior. I get to have more electives. I get to attend more parties. I also feel a lot of people look up to me just because I am older. I think the five worst things about being a freshman is they get no respect, they don't know anyone, they are last at everything and they are young and shy about everything.

MARCILENNA
WASHINGTON



RASHAWNDA WALKER

"SHORTY WAS MY MOST COMMON NICKNAME AS A FRESHMAN. I WAS ALSO VERY ACTIVE. AS A SENIOR, I AM STILL ACTIVE AND TREATED WITH MUCH RESPECT."

ROBBIE WILLIAMS

"DURING MY FRESHMAN YEAR, MY BIGGEST PRIORITY WAS TRYING TO GET MY WORK DONE ON TIME. BEING A SENIOR NOW, I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT BECAUSE I KNOW HOW TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS."



AMY JOHNSON

"GHETTO BOOTY WAS MY NICKNAME AS A FRESHMAN. I SPENT TIME ON SCHOOL WORK AND GETTING THE SENIOR GUYS TO NOTICE ME."



Spring Fling

SHAKE YOUR GROOVE

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SEXY!

JUNIOR SEAN KELLY STRUTS HIS STUFF DURING THE "GREAT LEGS" CONTEST DURING THE MR. CHS CONTEST. KELLY TOOK THIRD PLACE OVERALL FOR PLAYERS 58. PHOTO BY TIM GREENWELL



LOFTERS OF JIVE

BAND MEMBERS TAKE A BREAK FROM THEIR TIME IN THE SPOTLIGHT TO ALLOW A QUICK SNAP SHOT. AFTER PERFORMING AT THE MR. CHS CONTEST, THE LOFTERS WERE A BIG HIT WITH STUDENTS. PHOTO BY JOANNA DORIA



DANCE IT

SENIOR DANCE LINE MEMBERS GET INFORMATION TO DO THEIR FINAL DANCE TO KICK OFF SPRING FLING. THE DANCE LINE ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO PERFORM THEIR DANCE AT THE SPIRIT ASSEMBLY BUT HAD TO RESCHEDULE DUE TO TIME CONFLICTS. PHOTO BY AMBER GILLIAND

KEEPIN' SCORE

JUNIOR TIARA WEATHERSBY ADDS UP THE FINAL SCORES TO SEE WHO WILL BE THE WINNER OF SPRING "SHAKE-YOUR-GROOVE FLING 2000". ALTHOUGH THE SCORES WERE CLOSE, THE SENIORS TOOK FIRST PLACE OVERALL, FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY STAFF. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Dance Line	25	50	75	100
Principals	25	50	75	100
Seniors	25	50	75	100
Staff	25	50	75	100
Play 58	25	50	75	100
Ball 5	25	50	75	100
Pallbearers	25	50	75	100
Seniors	75	50	45	100
Staff	50	25	45	35
Staff	25	15	100	100





SPRING FLING RESULTS

1ST SENIORS	700
2ND STAFF	675
3RD POLLINATORS	625
4TH PLAYERS 58	500
5TH JUNIORS	475
6TH DRUM LINE	475
7TH SOPHOMORES	450
8TH FRESHMEN	425
9TH POLI-SCI	400
10TH KEY CLUB	350

THE WINNERS!

THE SENIORS REJOICE AFTER THE FINAL SPRING FLING SCORES WERE ANNOUNCED. THEY SNATCHED FIRST PLACE FROM THE STAFF FOR A NARROW WIN BY ONLY 25 POINTS.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

TANGLED UP!

SENIORS DEVIN ANDERSON AND JEFF HILL COMPETE AGAINST SOPHOMORES TIRANNE'E GIVHAN AND ARTESHA GLADNY IN A GAME OF TWISTER. LEGS AND ARMS WERE PUT IN COMPROMISING POSITIONS WHILE COMPETITORS TRIED TO BE THE SOLE SURVIVOR.

PHOTO BY TIM GREENWELL



BA-BAM

FAMILY AND CONSUMER ARTS TEACHER CHERYL SMITH GOES KER-PLUNK ON THE FLOOR WHILE ENGLISH TEACHER ANDY HANCH GIGGLES IN THE BACKGROUND AFTER SHE SPUN AROUND A BAT ONE TOO MANY TIMES. THE BAT SPIN WAS ONLY FOR THE STRONG OF MIND AND BRAVE OF HEART.

PHOTO BY TIM GREENWELL

Kissin'

AND HUGGIN' IN AND AROUND THE HALLS OF CHS

It never fails. You look down one hall, you see a long-time couple kissing. You look down another hall, you see the newest pair that just hooked up over the weekend, holding hands and acting like they're on cloud nine. These are just a few of the scenes that grace our hallways every day. Some would call this sexual harassment, some would be grossed out by a couple's PDA (public display of affection) and some would just wish that they were being held by that very special person who they can never seem to get out of their minds.

"PDA is okay to a point - then it's just not something that should be done at school," senior Jason Curry said.

This public display isn't just limited to the classroom. Couples often spend hours upon hours with each other, whether it be home, out to eat or in the last rows of a movie theater. Seeing a movie has become one of the most popular date ideas since the drive-in days. Millions of dollars are spent every year by teens who go sit in a dark theater for two hours trying to figure out how they are going to sneak in a good-night kiss at the end of the night.

"Movies are like ice breakers, because you don't have to talk a whole lot, but you talk a little bit. It's a good way to hang out with someone that you may not know very well," Junior Kerri Knox said.

Holidays are also a time to spend with a boyfriend or girlfriend. Couples often invite each other over to meet the family and exchange gifts. This can be a stressful time for those who aren't as articulate with parents. Sweaty palms and a babbling conversation can be the result of this.

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SAFE DISTANCE

SENIOR CARRIE HOWARD AND JUNIOR PHIL BECKER TALK IN THE HALLWAY BETWEEN CLASSES. SOME STUDENTS CHOSE NOT TO SHOW THEIR AFFECTION IN FRONT OF OTHER STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY WHEN A LOT OF STUDENTS WERE AROUND.

PHOTO BY RENEE' BETTS

HOLD CLOSE

SENIOR ANANDA BAUCOM AND JUNIOR CHARLES BLACKMON HOLD TIGHT TO ONE ANOTHER IN THE BACK OF A FRIEND'S CAR. COUPLES OPTED TO SPENDING TIME WITH THEIR FRIENDS WHILE ACTUALLY SPENDING EVEN MORE TIME WITH EACH OTHER.

PHOTO DONATED BY ANANDA BAUCOM



SHOWING ALL

SENIOR ASHLEY CASHEN AND JUNIOR SEAN KELLY CUDDLE IN THE HALLWAY BETWEEN CLASSES. SOME STUDENTS MADE SURE THEY HAD THOSE FEW PRECIOUS MOMENTS WITH THEIR BOYFRIEND OR GIRLFRIEND, EVEN IF IT MEANT SHOWING THEIR AFFECTION IN FRONT OF OTHERS.

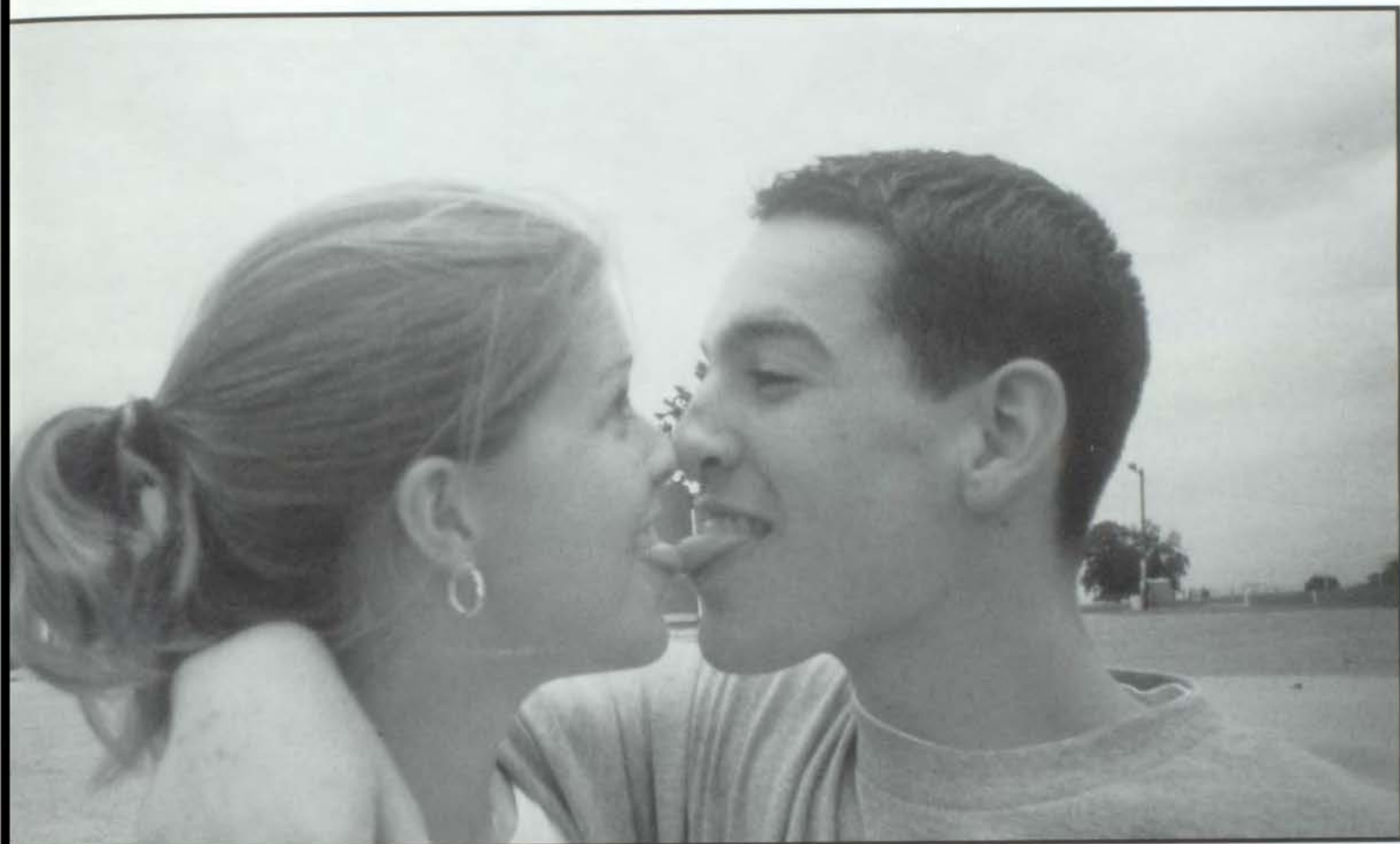
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GOOD DAY?

SENIOR MORGAN RIDGEWAY AND JUNIOR JAY BARRY SPEND TIME TALKING AFTER SCHOOL IN THE PARKING LOT. BECAUSE OF BUSY CLASS SCHEDULES, AFTER SCHOOL WAS THE ONLY TIME TO CATCH UP ON THE OTHER'S DAY.

PHOTO BY
RENEE' BETTS



NOSES AND TONGUES

SOPHOMORE KATIE PICKETT AND FRESHMAN MATT GATEWOOD SHOW THEIR AFFECTION FOR ONE ANOTHER IN A SEMI-PRIVATE MANNER. COUPLES OFTEN FORGOT OTHER PEOPLE WERE WATCHING WHEN SPENDING TIME TOGETHER.

PHOTO BY RENEE' BETTS



HOLD TIGHT

SOPHOMORE ABBY HEFFERNAN AND FRESHMAN SCOTT FAHRMEIER HOLD HANDS AS THEY MAKE THEIR WAY TOWARD THE SCHOOL. HOLDING HANDS WAS COMMON WAY MANNER OF SHOWING FEELINGS FOR ONE ANOTHER. PHOTO BY RENEE' BETTS

Causing a lot of **Racket**

BOY'S TENNIS LEAVES THEIR MARK

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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

JUNIOR PHILLIP SMITH PRACTICES HARD ON HIS TENNIS SKILLS. HOURS OF PRACTICE WAS REQUIRED TO PERFECT TENNIS SKILLS.

PHOTO BY TIARA WEATHERSBY

LETS HAVE A LOOK

SOPHOMORE COLIN CHAMBERS WATCHES HIS TEAMMATE'S MATCH INTENSELY. QUIET OBSERVATION WAS REQUIRED SO THE PLAYERS DID NOT BECOME DISTRACTED WHILE CONCENTRATING.

PHOTO BY TIARA WEATHERSBY



CAUSIN' A RUCKUS

SENIOR CHRIS LOWRY RETURNS A TOUGH BALL BACK TO HIS RAY-PEC OPPONENT. THIS BACK-HAND SHOT WAS NOT AN EASY ONE TO PERFECT.

PHOTO BY TIARA WEATHERSBY



Phil Becker

Going from the green to the court, Junior Phil Becker left his mark on the tennis season.

"I felt I wasn't going anywhere with golf. I wasn't improving and I got tired of it. I was missing a lot of school, and I thought I would have more fun playing tennis," said Becker.

And fun is what the season was. Becker felt good with a 12-3 record under his belt. His first year on the tennis team, Becker achieved the number-one spot. This honor made him proud.

"People on the team and outside of the team think I am good. It feels nice," he said.

Regardless of outside opinion, Becker felt that he was only a decent player.

"There is always room for improvement," he said.

An attitude of a true champion.



SPECTATOR SPORT

SOPHOMORES ALEX ROUSE AND COLIN CHAMBERS AND JUNIOR JUSTIN SHOEMAKER SIT AND WATCH THE VARSITY PLAYERS SPANK THEIR OPPONENTS. THIS HELPED THE JUNIOR VARSITY PLAYERS LEARN TECHNIQUES THAT LATER IMPROVED THEIR GAME.

PHOTO BY TIARA WEATHERSBY

VARSITY SEASON RECORD 10-5
VARSITY CONFERENCE RECORD 7-3
JR. VARSITY SEASON RECORD 7-8
JR. VARSITY CONFERENCE RECORD 5-5



BREAKING THE CHAIN

SENIOR ANDREW RINGWOOD BATTLES WITH HIS PANTHER OPPONENT. THIS MATCH WAS A VICTORY FOR RINGWOOD.
PHOTO BY TIARA WEATHERSBY

Yearbook Staff

TURNING TO CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

"To everything, turn, turn, turn - there is a season, turn, turn, turn, and a time to every purpose under heaven". These words echoed not only through the pages of the yearbook, but also through the attitudes of yearbook staff members. This year was a season of change and a time for transition.

One of the largest changes made was the decision to go to a fall delivery. This controversial decision upset many who wanted to have their book before graduation. However, there were also those who appreciated the positive results.

"Fall deliver allowed more activities to be included such as Prom and Spring Fling. While seniors may not be able to have their books before they leave, I think they will be glad in 20 years when they look back and for the first time their graduation is in their book," said Yearbook Editor Junior Amy Carr.

Improvements were also made by switching publishing companies, meeting deadlines more consistently and by the incredible amount of fund-raising. Fund-raising was a large focus for the staff, who met and exceeded their goal of raising \$5,800.

Kathy Yates, the yearbook sponsor said, "The key to raising so much money was the staff pulling together - knowing the importance of our yearbook budget being balanced."

Yates motivate staff members to sell ads with parties and prize money.

In the end, the staff looked back on the sea of memories amidst boxes of old negatives, and knew that they had turned the page once again to a new and exciting future for yearbook.

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MEETIN' DEADLINES

SENIOR FATIMA GONZALES WORKS WHILE TRYING TO TALLY UP THE RESULTS FOR THE SENIOR POLLS. IN ORDER TO MAKE DEADLINES, THE WHOLE STAFF HAD TO WORK HARD BOTH IN CLASS AND OUT OF CLASS. PHOTO BY AMY CARR





STRIKE!

SENIOR CARRIE HOWARD PLANS HER SHOT DURING THE JOURNALISM CHRISTMAS PARTY. AFTER A PLANE RIDE OVER THE PLAZA LIGHTS, THE STAFF MEMBERS WENT BOWLING TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON.

PHOTO BY KATHY YATES



CONCENTRATE

JUNIOR AMBER GILLILAND BUILDS A TOWER DURING STANDARDIZED TESTING. ALTHOUGH THE STAFF BUSINESS CARDS DID NOT STACK TOO WELL, THEY PROVED A VALUABLE ASSET WHEN SELLING ADS.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

PARTY!

JUNIORS TIARA WEATHERSBY AND JOANNA DORIA TAKE A BREAK DURING THE QUILL AND SCROLL PARTY. THE PARTY WAS HELD IN BUCKNER AT THE HOME OF ADVISOR KATHY YATES.

PHOTO BY KATHY YATES



CHOW DOWN!

THE YEARBOOK STAFF TAKES A BREAK FOR LUNCH DURING AN ALL-DAY FIELD TRIP TO SELL ADS. THE DAY PROVED SUCCESSFUL WITH OVER \$5,885 IN AD SALES.

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MOI GOO GAI PAN

SENIOR SHANNON HEFFERNAN AND JUNIOR AMY CARR CHOW DOWN ON CHINESE FOOD. THE STAFF HAD A PARTY TO CELEBRATE MAKING THEIR SIXTH DEADLINE.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



Track Stars...

RUN

PUSHING THEMSELVES TO THE LIMIT

Imagine running - feeling sweat dripping down your face and experiencing the struggle to overcome the opponent. Imagine hearing people screaming from the stands, "Only two more miles to go!" and your teammates offering encouragement from the sidelines.

Those sounds were encouraging, according to some of the runners on the CHS Track Team.

According to Sophomore Monchel McQuitty, team spirit helped support the whole team through hours of practices and meets.

During practice, Freshman Christine Randle said miles were often logged by running through area streets.

Sometimes, the run came after a long day of studying. Other times, the run had to be completed in 50 to 90-degree temperatures. Whatever the situation, Christine said support was the key to her success.

"It was my goal to help and give encouragement to them because they gave me that extra push when I needed it," said Freshman Kala Raglin.

According to team manager Sophomore Tim Clayton, when it came to success, individual goals, as well as team goals, were very important to the squad.

"Each runner tried their best to get a good time at every meet, and I felt that was what made them so productive. They tried their best," Clayton said.

Team members also said the season held many rewards.

Sophomore JaQuita Downing said, "Making friends that can last for many, many years from now was the best reward."



EVERY LITTLE STEP

HOPING TO PERFORM TO HIS FULL POTENTIAL, A PEMBROKE RUNNER STRUGGLES TO DEFEAT HIS OPPONENTS (CENTER) DURING AN AWAY MEET.

PHOTO BY TIRANNEE' GIVHAN

LADIES TAKING CHARGE

"JUST BECAUSE WE ARE LADIES, DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE CAN'T RUN JUST AS FAST AS BOYS OR EVEN FASTER." FRESHMAN CHRISTIANE RANDLE PROVES THAT AT ALL HER MEETS.

PHOTO BY TIRANNEE' GIVHAN

DOUBLE TIME

SOPHOMORE WALTER TOWNSEND DOUBLES HIS SPEED TO TRY TO WIN THE RACE. TOWNSEND SPENT MANY HOURS WORKING ON BUILDING UP HIS SPEED.

PHOTO BY TIRANNEE' GIVHAN





Aishah

Aishah Augusta ran track since she was in the seventh grade. She practices five days a week. The aspect of track which she enjoys most is the people she meets at track meets. She also plans to run track in college, but for her professional career, she plans to play basketball. That doesn't mean she doesn't like track. In fact, she runs the best times in the hurdles.

"I'm proud when we go to State and I'm running the 4x1. It's fun," she said.

Track to Augusta is three things - hard work, determination and courage. Her strengths are self-motivation perseverance.

She said, "My weakness is that I get lazy at times."

Her advice to the incoming freshmen is, "Never give up and work hard."



ONE STEP AHEAD

JUNIOR LANCE REDICK SHOWS THAT BEING BEHIND DOESN'T MEAN YOU LOST. KEEPING UP SPEED AND CONFIDENCE IS THE IMPORTANT FACTOR IN RUNNING A RACE.



THE 2000 TRACK TEAM

Row One: MARLON MITCHELL, LAUREN JOHNSON, JUSTIN SHERMAN, AISHAH AUGUSTA, SHANTAE PITTS, MONCHEL MCQUITTY, JAQUITA DOWNING, ROBERT LOGAN, KALA RAGLIN, MICHEAL GROVES, CHRISTIAN RANDLE **Row Two:** ARICA HENDERSON, ODIS SMITH, NATIKA LOPEZ, CATHERINE BUREC, JAMES BRIDGEFORD, STEPHAN EALY, DARYL GRAYER, KYLE WILLIAMS, LENDERY COUNCIL, KENNY BUCKNER, STEVE WATSON **Row Three:** LANCE REDICK, STEVE MAY, DEAUNIAY SMITH, ANDRE WILLIS, LUKE HALL, CURTIS PERKINS, ANDREW JACKSON, TONY ANTONELLO, SAM WEILERT, COACH GREG LANG- ASSISTANT COACH **Row Four:** COACH COLWELL- HEAD COACH SHAWN CUNNINGHAM, JACKIESHA DAVIS, SHAWNITA RICKETTS, JEREMY ANDERSON, TENISHA FISHER, REUBEN ROUDTREE, DAVID SPRIGGS, RAQUEL RODRIGUEZ, MANAGER, ASSISTANT COACH ANNA BUTLER, ASSISTANT COACH JIM FORD

SNACK TIME

SENIOR LYNSEY NIXON AND KEYA GILBERT COOK STEW IN INTERNATIONAL FOODS CLASS. INTERNATIONAL FOODS GAVE STUDENTS A CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT FOODS AND TAUGHT THEM NEW METHODS OF COOKING.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

CLAY TIME

SENIOR NAVEED SIDDIQI MAKES A JAR IN HIS INDEPENDENT STUDY CERAMICS CLASS. INDEPENDENT STUDIES ALLOWS STUDENTS TO EXPAND ON THEIR TALENTS

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



Stayin' ALIVE

LEARNING LIFE SKILLS

Have you ever considered becoming a gourmet chef, or the next Ralph Lauren or Tommy Hillfiger? Maybe a career in child-care is what you are looking for. If so, Family and Consumer Science is your path to success.

Dara Raglin, junior, plans on owning her own day-care in the future to help out single parents take care of their little loved ones. She received the hands-on experience when taking this course, especially during the field trip to the Valley View United Methodist Church Day Care Center, which she said helped her in achieving her goals.

Family and Consumer Science courses teach life-skills, according to both Consumer Science Instructors Cheryl Smith and Jan Evans.

"These are necessary survival skills," said Smith. "But, unfortunately, with the movement to technology, there is a decline in the number wanting to cook and sew for a living."

These talents, despite their decline, will always be a necessity in life as long as people still eat and don't run around naked. Who knows? The next famous culinary genius or clothes designer could be a future graduate from CHS.

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Brian Worts

By Tina Dasari

Since his Sophomore year, Senior Brian Worts' main interest was art. Three years ago, when he enrolled in Corine Woods' art class, he found a talent which he didn't even know existed.

"What I like best about art is that it's creative and the expression you put into the work," said Worts.

After graduating from high school, Worts plans to go to college and obtain a degree in Art Therapy. Worts explains that Art Therapy is when people put their problems into art and the therapist analyzes their drawing and figures out their problem.

"Mrs. Woods was the one who told me that I was good in art and that I should put more into it," said Worts. He said that she was one of the main people who influenced him. Worts practices art everyday to improve his weaknesses and strengthen his creativity.



SOLD!

SENIORS CARRIE CALDWELL AND AMY JOHNSON PAINT CHAIRS THAT LET THEM SHOW OFF THEIR ARTISTIC SKILLS. THE CHAIRS WERE AUCTIONED TO BENEFIT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

GOING INTERNATIONAL

JUNIOR JEHANNA GRAVES AND DAVA HOWELL LOOK OVER THEIR NOTES FOR THEIR FOREIGN FOOD REPORT ON INDIA. INTERNATIONAL FOODS CLASS GAVE STUDENTS A CHANCE TO EXPLORE THE FOODS OF DIFFERENT CULTURES.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

FINISHING TOUCHES

JUNIOR DARCY NORD ADDS FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE SHORTS SHE MADE. CLOTHING AND TECH CLASS GAVE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN USEFUL LIFE SKILLS

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



Striving to be the BEST IN THE POOL AND IN LIFE

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The name of the game for this year's team was improvement. Many swimmers wanted to cut down on their race times going through the season.

Most swimmers set lofty goals for themselves.

"I want to make it to State and lower my times," said Freshman Doarn of her season goals.

These girls were determined to meet those lofty goals. Conditioning was required of the swim team weeks before the season even started. Much dedication and time was needed to reach peak performance.

"The season was real time-consuming and busy," said Senior Gina Soldi. But Soldi said this extra work benefited her.

"If you, yourself don't work hard, then you won't accomplish anything," said Soldi.

But accomplishments were what this team was all about. The relay team of Courtney Howard, Laura Doarn, Gina Soldi and Katie Korando took first in the 200-yard free-style relay and second in the 200-yard medley. Tyra Griggs, Morgan Ridgeway, Rachel O'Brien and Fatima Gonzalez received third place honors in the 400-yard free-style relay. Howard was first in the 100-yard free-style and Doarn took first in the 50-yard free-style. Soldi took second in the 100-yard breast stroke and second in the 200-yard individual medley. Korando took third in the 200-yard free-style.

up close

Rachel O'Brien is a junior who has been a member of the squad since her sophomore year. She first took up the sport while she was at vacation in Minnesota three years ago. When O'Brien's swimming career began, she set the goal of just doing her best - that, she did. When she participated in the Special Olympics she was first in free-style and second in the backstroke. She said her greatest accomplishment was just cutting down her times.

O'Brien's love for swimming has persuaded her to continue swimming after high school. On top of that, she wants to be librarian and live in Florida. It's pretty much a simple life for a courageous girl. Her role model is her mom because, O'Brien said, she is a very independent person.



ROW ONE: TIFFANY HARRIS, KATIE KORANDO, SARA PARK, TYRA GRIGGS, KERRI KNOX, COURTNEY HOWARD, LAURA DOARN ROW TWO: FATIMA GONZALEZ, GINA SOLDI, MORGAN RIDGEWAY ROW THREE: MGR. MEGHAN BURNS, LESLIE HOGAN ROW FOUR: COACH DANNY TIPTON



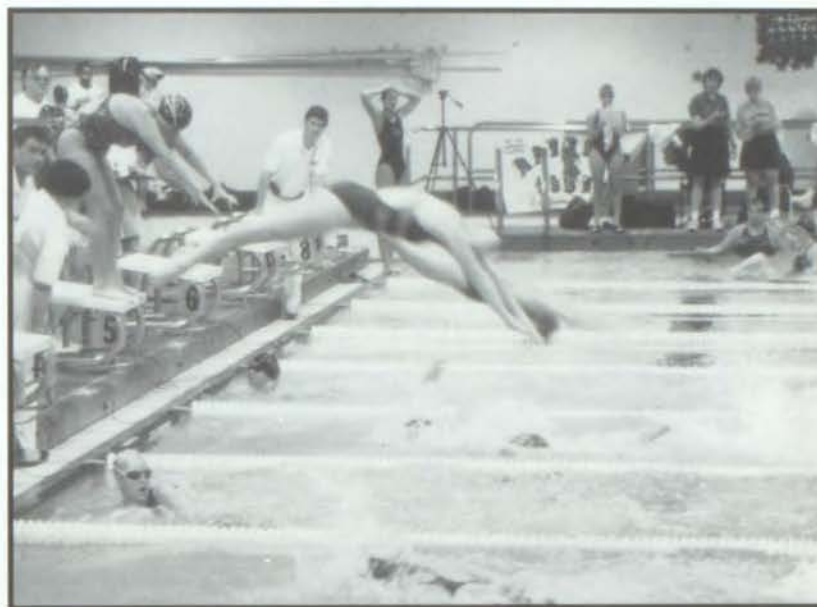


...AND THEY'RE OFF!

THE RACE BEGINS AS KATIE KORANDO DIVES INTO LANE THREE DURING THE CONFERENCE MEET. THE CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT WAS ONE OF THE LAST TIMES SWIMMERS COULD DISPLAY THEIR SKILLS AND WIN A MEDAL.

PROOVING THEY'RE THE BEST

LAURA DOARN, FRESHMAN, FINISHES HER LEG OF THE RELAY RACE SO TEAMMATE COURTNEY HOWARD COULD SWIM THE SECOND LEG OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST. THIS TEAM WORK RESULTED IN A FIRST-PLACE WIN.



AND THE WINNER IS...

GINA SOLDI, SENIOR, IS READY TO ACCEPT HER THIRD-PLACE AWARD IN THE 200 CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY. SOLDI'S HONOR WAS JUST ONE OF THE MANY MEDALS THE SWIM TEAM WON DURING THE SEASON.

PUT YOUR BACK INTO IT

COURTNEY HOWARD, FRESHMAN, COMPETES IN THE BACKSTROKE AT THE SEDALIA SMITH-COTTON MEET. THE BACKSTROKE WAS ONLY ONE OF MANY DIFFERENT STROKES THAT SWIMMERS HAD TO LEARN IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

Players 58

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UP IN SCHOOL

Much can be learned by being involved in theatrical productions. While on stage, one could learn patience, commitment and self improvement. Behind the scenes, one could learn new skills in construction and leadership. These skills could be used in various other aspects of life. But what could be learned while sitting in an audience?

"From watching other people act, it made me realize how I can be a better actress," said Senior Shannon Heffernan. Heffernan, along with Seniors Joe Carr, Carrie Caldwell and Josia Sward, experienced something out of the ordinary while working on the one-act plays for two years.

"Sitting in the audience was pretty weird. When I watched the opening show of *Eleemosynary* last year, it was the first time that I actually 'watched' a show as opposed to being part of it," said Carr.

These thespians were not just spectators for Center's one-acts. They were the directors.

While directing the one-acts, the seniors had the opportunity to learn leadership, responsibility, and how to be a better actors themselves.

"I learned a lot about leadership and delegation. I've grown up with the idea that if you want something done right, you are going to have to do it yourself, but with directing, you can't do that," said Sward.

Sward also experienced some extra difficulties while directing his show. Uncommitted cast members, disorganized rehearsals and other special circumstances finally led to the cancellation of his show *Conspiracy*.

"I think that I was too soft. I didn't push people enough with coming to rehearsals and getting their lines memorized, but the main problem was people quitting - which is what was finally made me cancel the show," said Sward.

Overall, the directors both learned and enjoyed the directing experience.

"It's was an incredible experience. I love my cast and they helped me to learn so much," said Heffernan.



JAM SESSION

MUSIC DIRECTOR JOSEPH HAMM DIRECTS THE 'GREASERS' DURING REHEARSAL FOR THE UPCOMING-PRODUCTION. EXTRA REHEARSALS AND TIME SPENT AT HOME WERE OFTEN A LAST-MINUTE ADDITION IN ORDER TO HAVE THE SHOW READY TO 'ROCK N' ROLL'. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

TAKE FIVE

SENIOR DIRECTOR CARRIE CALDWELL AND JUNIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LUCAS WALLINGFORD GIVE INSTRUCTION TO CAST MEMBERS OF *DIVERSIONS*. DIRECTING A ONE-ACT PLAY GAVE STUDENTS A CHANCE TO LEARN LEADERSHIP SKILLS. PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

SENIOR SHANNON HEFFERNAN CLAIMS FAME DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH CHANNEL 4. *BANG BANG YOU'RE DEAD* RECEIVED A LOT OF PRESS COVERAGE DUE TO ITS SENSITIVE SUBJECT MATTER. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



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DIVERSIONS

FRESHMAN ROSE VAUGHT IS INTERROGATED BY SENIOR JEFF PEAK, WHO PLAYED HENRY, IN *DIVERSIONS*, DIRECTED BY JOE CARR. *DIVERSIONS* WAS AN ABSURDEST COMEDY BY CHRISTOPHER DURANG. PHOTO BY AMY CARR





BANG BANG YOU'RE DEAD

"DECEASED" CAST MEMBERS SURROUND JUNIOR SEAN KELLY WHO PLAYED "JOSH" IN *BANG BANG YOU'RE DEAD*. THE ONE-ACT PLAY, DIRECTED BY SENIOR SHANNON HEFFERNAN, SHOWED THE AFTERMATH OF A SCHOOL SHOOTING. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

up close Jessica Crump

Junior Jessica Crump has starred in shows, without the spot light, since her freshman year. Crump, Players 58 secretary for two years, was elected president for the 2000-2001 school year. She has done her fair share of work both on stage and off.

"I bet I spend at least 20 hours a week just on Players stuff. I don't do it because it's always fun, I do it because I have devoted my heart and soul to it," said Crump.

According to Crump, Players 58 her the leadership and cooperation skills needed to succeed in the "real world". Serving both on stage and off, Crump has played a variety of roles.

"I have been involved in every show since my freshman year; including being props head numerous times and playing a variety roles on stage," said Crump.



SPECTRUM SIX

FRESHMAN JILL McCALMAN WHO PLAYED "PURPLE" HOLD BACKS JUNIOR ANDREW JOHNSON, WHO PLAYED "GREEN" TO KEEP HIM FROM ATTACKING "ORANGE". *SPECTRUM SIX*, DIRECTED BY CARRIED CALDWELL, TOOK AN ABSTRACT VIEW ON RACISM AS THE COLORS OF THE RAINBOW WERE PUT ON TRIAL. PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



JIVE'N!

RED BRIDGE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS DO THE HAND JIVE DURING A PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTION FOR *GREASE!*. ALONG WITH LEARNING THE HAND JIVE, STUDENTS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN A HOOLA-HOOP CONTEST AS WELL AS A SNEAK PREVIEW OF *GREASED LIGHTING*.

PHOTO BY AUDREY YOUNG

SMILE!

CAST MEMBERS PERFORM "BEAUTY SCHOOL DROP OUT" DURING THE PRODUCTION OF *GREASE!* ON MARCH 2-4. SECOND GRADERS WERE ALSO PLAYED A MAJOR PART OF THAT NUMBER.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

Just a few strokes

SHORT OF A PAR

The golf season was frustrating, difficult and winless, but, nevertheless, it was fun, according to most players.

"It doesn't matter how bad or well we do, we just have fun," said Senior Matt Daggett.

Even though the team struggled, there were still some pluses about golfing. For instance, Senior Clifford Juan commented on a fun aspect of golf.

"Watching other people do more horrible than you was fun. Now that's a confidence-builder," Juan said.

Another plus was missing school, which was expressed by Senior Jeff Hill.

One reason for the lack of team success was youth and inexperience. "A New Beginning" was how Coach Bruce Rehmer labeled the season. With 10 underclassmen and only three seniors, the season was just that.

Freshman Ryan Swope was one of those underclassmen. He said the team's strength was putting. In the future, as the team matures, the list of strengths will grow. Only time will tell and, hopefully, time will be good to our golf team.

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GOLF TEAM: Row One: BRIAN WELLINGTON, CASEY BURNETT, RYAN SWOPE, PAUL JOHN, BRENT REEVES, RICHIE HILL **Row Two:** ANDREW BARTH, ADAM RODRIGUEZ, MATT DAGGETT, JEFF HILL, CLIFFORD JUAN, COACH BRUCE REHMER **Not Pictured:** ALEX ISOM, MICHAEL JACKSON



TIN CUP

PREPARING FOR HIS PUTT, MICHAEL JACKSON, SOPHOMORE, LINES UP HIS BALL TO THE HOLE. PUTTING REQUIRED THE CONSIDERATION OF MANY FACTORS SUCH AS THE SLOPE, SPEED OF THE GREEN AND THE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SHANNAHAN



FORE!

MATT DAGGETT, SENIOR, ADMIRES THE FLIGHT OF HIS BALL AS IT SAILS TOWARD THE GREEN. DAGGETT WAS THE NUMBER-ONE SEED ON THE GOLF TEAM.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SHANNAHAN



SWINGING FOR GLORY

BRENT REEVES, FRESHMAN, CONCENTRATES ON HIS BALL AS HE SWINGS FOR THE GREEN. GOOD CHIPPING WAS A NECESSITY FOR A GOOD SCORE AT THE END OF THE DAY.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SHANNAHAN

GOLF SEASON RECORD 0-8

CHS 220
FORT OSAGE 178

CHS 208
RUSKIN 189

CHS 213
RUSKIN 177

CHS 216
WM. CHRISMAN 198

CHS 220
RAY-PEC 180

CENTER 18-HOLE J.V.
QUAD 544 (FOURTH)

CENTER 9-HOLE
QUAD 207 (FOURTH)

CONFERENCE
418

DISTRICTS
433



WHAT THE \$#@!

JEFF HILL, SENIOR, SHOWS HIS FRUSTRATION BY BREAKING HIS CLUB AND CURSING THE BALL WHICH HAS A PARTICULARLY TOUGH LIE. THE SPORT OF GOLF PROVED A VERY EMOTIONAL GAME, AS MANY GOLFERS WERE BAFFLED BY THE PATH THEIR BALLS TOOK.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SHANNAHAN

up close

Imagine picking up a set of golf clubs and suddenly playing every day against teams consisting of members who have been golfing for years. That is exactly what Sophomore Adam Rodriguez did. Rodriguez chose to play golf because he said needed a change from the exhausting track season.

"I don't like running," said Rodriguez, summing up his decision to play golf.

Rodriguez planned to golf for the rest of his high-school career and learned a lot in his first season.

"Don't get mad at yourself," is one piece of advice Rodriguez had for other golfers.

Every once in a

while, Rodriguez got a good hit, and to him, that was the best thing about the frustrating sport.



Boys' Baseball

Yellowjackets

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GOING, GOING, GOING-GONE

Bottom of the seventh, opposing team at the plate, two outs, two on the corners, and the Center Yellowjackets are ahead of the Hickman Mills Cougars 7 to 6. A single will tie, a double will win the game for Hickman. Brandon Brennan ascends the mound, adjusts his baseball cap and sizes up his adversary. The Hickman mills batter looks on at Brennan waving his bat menacingly. Three strikes later Hickman has lost the game and the dejected batter stumbles back to the dugout, as a K in the score book. The 2000 Center High school baseball team had to face the same type of adversity every day. With new head coach David Stubblefield at the helm, players had to adjust to his new coaching style. "The team has put in a lot more work and we've improved a lot since last year" junior Llwellen Evans commented. Although the baseball team record did not show many wins, Center played teams a full 7 innings. 5 games were lost only by one run two others were by 3 and 4. "We have one bad inning, and we play catch up the rest of the game. It's just that one inning that tears us apart," said Junior Brandon Brennan. Another thing that hurt the team was injuries. Sophomore Eric Conrad was the third baseman but had his season cut short because of an injury. "It sucks being injured, because you just sit on the side wishing you could play and not being able to help the team, sucks too." Conrad got the chance to play third base in District competition against Harrisonville. Conrad singled in four plate appearances. The jackets fell behind early but battled their way back, and after a late inning rally barely lost the game 7 to 4.

TAKIN' THE LEAD

SENIOR JEFF HILL INCHES OFF SECOND BASE UNBEKNOWNST TO THE PITCHER. BASE-RUNNING IS ALMOST AN ART, REQUIRING MUCH SKILL AND INSTINCT

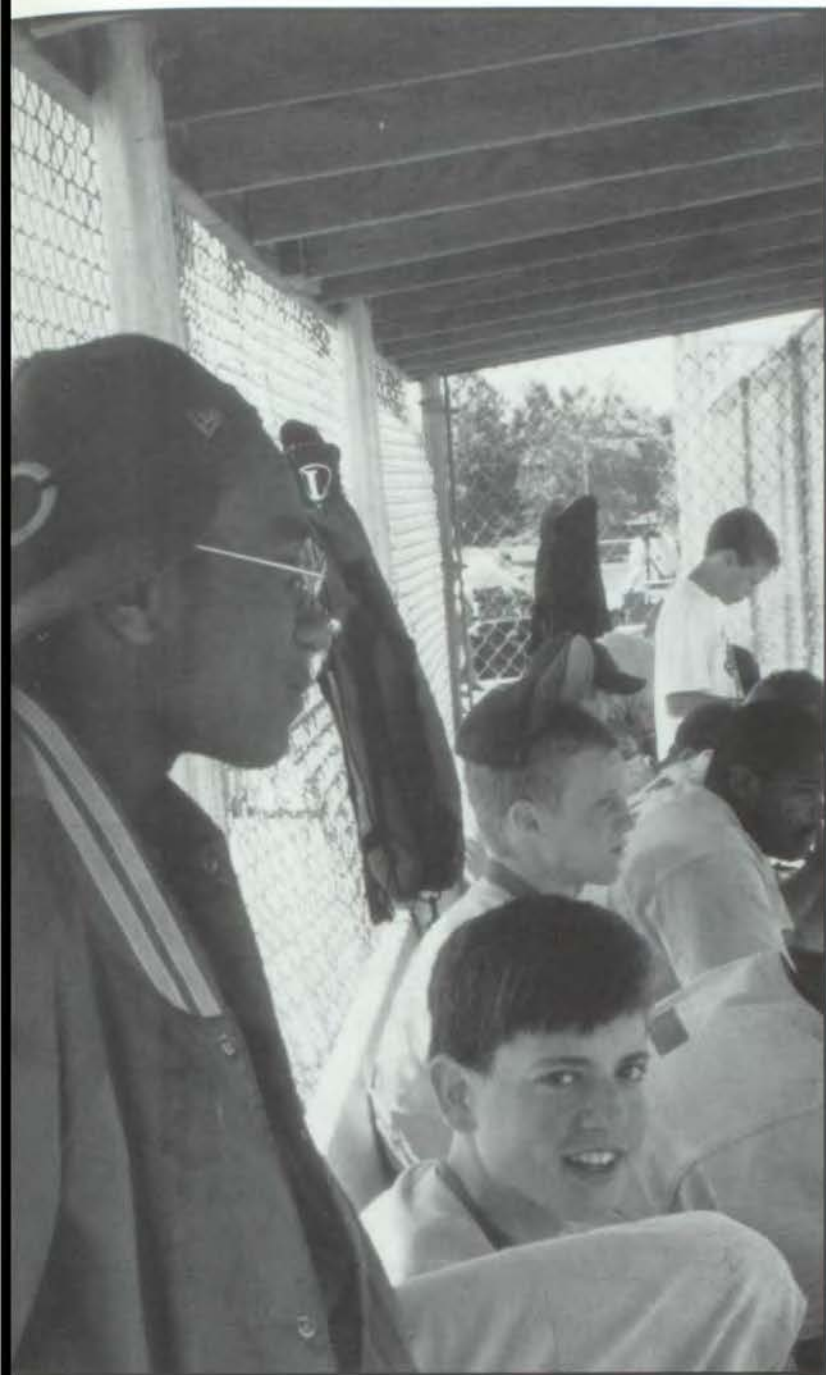
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GOOD EYE!

JUNIOR BRANDON BRENNAN ANXIOUSLY AWAITES THE PITCHER'S NEXT PITCH. WHILE STANDING IN THE BATTER BOX, PLAYERS FACED 80-MPH BALLS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING HIT BY ONE.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON





upclose

Quintin Randle played baseball since he was five-years-old. Over half his life he trained in batting, catching and persevering at a sport that he loved.

"I played in a number of leagues when I was younger and then I played with the Shelbys for four years with Three-and-Two Baseball League. That's where I got to play my favorite position- short-stop," Randle commented.

Randle did not get to play that same position this year, because Center was in desperate need of a catcher. With the team's best interest in mind, Randle started training at the new position - a position that gave constant soreness, bad knees and plenty of bruises. Randle is considering trying out at Southern University in Louisiana, and he'll do it with a smile on his face.



RALLY TIME

JUNIOR JERMAINE JACOBS, SOPHOMORE JOHNNIE HOWARD AND SENIOR JEFF HILL PUT ON THEIR "RALLY CAPS" TO HELP BRING THEIR TEAM LUCK. SOPHOMORE MARCUS STANLEY ALSO SHOWED SUPPORT BY DISPLAYING HIS RALLY HELMET.

VARSITY SEASON RECORD 3-13

CHS 12	RUSKIN 2
CHS 2	GRANDVIEW 3
CHS 13	HICKMAN 14
CHS 2	EX.SPRINGS 22
CHS 5	RAY SOUTH 10
CHS 3	HOLDEN 13
CHS 10	O'HARA 11
CHS 3	RAY SOUTH 18
CHS 5	RUSKIN 3
CHS 4	HARRISONVILLE 5
CHS 8	HICKMAN 7
CHS 8	RAY PEC 12
CHS 2	RAY SOUTH 18
CHS 1	PARK HILL S. 9
CHS 3	PARK HILL S. 4
CHS 0	EX.SPRINGS 2
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JR. VARSITY

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CHS 17	RAY SOUTH 7
CHS 5	PARK HILL S.15
CHS 14	EX.SPRINGS 20
CHS 5	HARRISONVILLE15
CHS 1	HICKMAN 3
CHS 4	RAYPEC 9
CHS 3	RAY SOUTH 14

SAFE!!!

SOPHOMORE ERIC CONRAD WALKS BACK TO BASE AFTER A GROUND BALL INFIELD-SINGLE. CONRAD CHOPPED THE BALL DOWN THE FIRST BASE LINE AND ALTHOUGH HE INJURED HE WAS ABLE TO BEAT THE THROW.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



RETURNING FROM BATTLE

THE 2000 BASEBALL TEAM LEAVES THE FIELD AS A TEAM AFTER THEIR LOSS AT DISTRICTS. SOMETIMES HUSTLE, DETERMINATION AND PRACTICE WERE ALL WIPED OUT BY A ROLL OF THE DIE.

PHOTO BY NEIL CORRISTON



MAP testing makes Hi-Step

MEMBERS RUSH THROUGH LESSONS

Having to cram in six-week-lessons into half that time is nearly an impossible task but this is what the Hi-Step program had to go through this year. MAP testing pushed back the time that groups usually went to the elementary schools. Having to go so late kept the high-school students from bonding with their small group of fifth graders. "Kids got cheated out of a good program," said Senior Jeff Hill.

Senior Gina Soldi agreed, "I didn't get as close to my group this year as I did last year."

One of the key things to make the whole Hi-Step experience worth while for the kids was the trust factor between the kids and their leaders. Soldi went on to say that she "felt rushed to do all the lesson plans," and "felt that the lessons were not as effective and the kids seemed less focused on the program." Senior Peggy Joy felt she was cheated out of some of her own classes at school, having to miss sometimes two of the same classes in a week. Joy also said that being a school leader brought even more pressures and responsibilities.

Next year there will be a new sponsor, unknown at the moment, but all the outgoing members have the same advice for new and returning members "Make sure that you start the training around October or some time before you have to deal with MAP testing," Joy goes to say. Hopefully a new sponsor and new members will give Hi-Step a new, fresh start.



YOU SCRATCH MY BACK, I'LL SCRATCH YOURS

WHILE PARTICIPATING IN A SELF-ESTEEM-BUILDING ACTIVITY, JUNIOR MELISSA EBBERTS WRITES COMPLIMENTS ON A FIFTH GRADER'S PAPER ON HER BACK. THIS ACTIVITY WAS MEANT TO HELP BOOST EVERYONE'S SELF-ESTEEM.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

"SLIM AND NASTY..."

AS PART OF THE T.A.T.U TRAINING THAT HI-STEPPERS WENT THROUGH, JUNIOR DESTINY WATKINS WORKS ON HER ANTI-SMOKING POSTER. T.A.T.U STANDS FOR "TEENAGERS AGAINST TOBACCO USE".

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

TELL ME MORE...

SOPHOMORE KATIE KORANDO LISTENS TO HER GROUP AS THEY DISCUSS THE DAY'S TOPIC.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ



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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

GETTING TO KNOW ONE'S HI-STEP KIDS WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO. SENIOR NEIL CORRISTON DID THIS BY HAVING HIS SMALL GROUP FILL OUT A PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET.

PHOTO BY FATIMA GONZALEZ

up close

Stepping up as a President of any club is a big responsibility, but being president for a club where you are in charge of setting up times with elementary school teachers, going to and setting up meetings with dozen of teenagers is a bit more of a challenge. Senior Matt Daggett took on this responsibility when he was elected as the Hi-Step President. Right by his side was Senior Neil Corriston, as Vice-President. Daggett had some hardships with this office, "I had more responsibilities, and also some sponsor problems, but Neil helped out a lot." He also goes on to say "I love Hi-Step! It's the best club."



HI-STEP MEMBERS

ROW ONE: AMY CARR, LISA WELLINGTON, FATIMA GONZALEZ, AMY MITCHELL, SHANIQUA TOWNSEND, LA'DETTRA WILLIAMS **ROW TWO:** MARY AJJARAPU, ASHLEY CASHEN, LYNSEY NIXON, RASHANDA WALKER, NICK SNORGRASS **ROW THREE:** PHILLIP SMITH, MELISSA EBBERTS, AMANDA CORBIN, ANANDA BAUCOM, TIM PHILLIPS **ROW FOUR:** ANDREW JOHNSON, JEFF PEAK, JOEY BRAKE, GINA SOLDI, AMY JOHNSON, LINDSEY WEAVER **ROW FIVE:** PEGGY JOY, MATT DAGGETT, CARRIE HOWARD, NAVEED SIDDIQI AND CARRIE CALDWELL

VARSITY

SEASON RECORD 5-15

CHS 00	WSBURG	04
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CHS 00	WCMAN	04
CHS 00	RAY PEC	10
CHS 00	RAY PEC	08
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CHS 00	EXSPRING	07
CHS 00	HARRISVILL	08
CHS 01	HICKMAN	00
CHS 03	LINC.PREP	00
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CHS 00	RAY PEC	06
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JR. VARSITY

SEASON RECORD 3-11

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CHS 00	EXSPRING	03
CHS 00	P.H.SOUTH10	
CHS 00	RAY SOUTH	05
CHS 01	EXSPRING	06
CHS 01	RUSKIN	00

ROW ONE: ERIN OSBORNE, SAMANTHA BLACKMON, ANDREA PENALOZA **ROW TWO:** MGR IBAD SIDDIQI, RORI CARTER-HALL, JAMIE GIFFEN, ALLISON CATON, EMILY BUFORD, VICTORIA CARPENTER, MGR SALLY AARONSONZ **ROW THREE:** HEAD COACH CHUCK DUSKE, ROSE VAUGHT, VICTORIA ELLIS, JENNIFER JANTZ, ANDREA ISOM, LAUREN HAMILTON, LAUREN CASTLE, ASST. COACH ROBERT BONSASA.

Lindsey W

Since age nine, Senior Lindsey Weaver had a big passion for soccer. She was on the Girls' Soccer Team for four years in high school, and had also played in her middle and elementary school. She plans to continue playing in college but she doesn't know if she wants to be on the team. "Ever since I was a little girl, it has been my life long dream to play professional soccer," said Weaver.

"Some of my strengths is the ability to give playing advice," said Weaver. Being on the soccer team, she said that she learned that winning isn't everything as long as you play your best.

"Michael Akers who plays U.S. Women national has been the biggest inspiration in playing soccer," said Weaver.

"She works hard for teamwork and friendship and I really believe in that. If you don't play with friends then you don't know who you playing with," said Weaver.

Weaver considers herself as a role model this year to a lot of the freshmen. She also considers them as really good friends. "We aren't just teammates but we are also friends," she said



CAUGHT IN ACTION

JUNIOR AMANDA CORBIN PREPARES FOR A POWERFUL KICK BEFORE THE GAME. CORBIN WAS ONE OF THE MANY GIRLS WHO MADE THIS SEASON FUN AND MEMORABLE.



ROW ONE: SHANNON DRUMMOND, AUBREE YEISLEY, AUDREY YOUNG, JAMIE GIFFEN, LATOYA DAVIS, TIARA WEATHERSBY, ABBY HEFFERNAN, ANANDA BAUCOM, EMMA WATONSI **ROW TWO:** ASST. COACH ROBERT BONSASA, MGR IBAD SIDDIQI, MICHELLE BOYLE, LAUREN HAMILTON, AMANDA CORBIN, JOANNA GITTERMAN, KATIE PICKETT, ROSE VAUGHT, ALLISON CATON MGR SALLY AARONSON, HEAD COACH CHUCK DUSKEY. **NOT PICTURED:** ERIN OSBORNE, JENNIFER JANTZ, ANDREA ISOM.



Girls Soccer

playin'

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STORY BY EMMA WATSON

TO BE A WINNER ON THE FIELD

THE 98-99 CLASS HAVE MANY MEMORIES OF THE GIRL SOCCER TEAM FOR IT WAS THE LAST YEAR FOR MANY OF THE SENIORS WHO PLAYED SOCCER. THE SEASON STARTED AND IN A BLINK OF AN EYE IT HAD ENDED, BUT THE REST OF THE PLAYERS LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING NEW BEGINNINGS FOR THE 99-00 YEAR. THE TIME HAD ARRIVED, CHOICES WERE TO BE MADE. EXCITEMENT, NERVOUSNESS, EAGERNESS AND JOY FILLED THE HEARTS OF MORE THAN 15 GIRLS WHO DECIDED THEY WANTED TO BE PART OF THE CENTER YELLOWJACKET GIRLS SOCCER TEAM. THIS COMMITMENT REQUIRED ALL INDIVIDUALS TO IMPLANT IN THEIR MIND THAT THERE WAS NO "I" IN TEAM.

TO START OFF THE SEASON EVERYDAY AFTER SCHOOL FROM THREE TO FIVE THERE WERE DAILY ROUTINES FOLLOWED BY IMPROVEMENT ON OUR BALL SKILLS TO GET US READY FOR OUR FIRST GAME AND BEFORE WE KNEW OUR FIRST GAME HAD ARRIVED. UNFORTUNATELY THAT GAME WASN'T OURS TO WIN, BUT COACH CHUCK DUSKEY TOLD US NOT TO BEAT OURSELVES UP FOR IT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING. OTHER GAMES CAME AND PASSED, AND OUR LOSSES SOMETIMES GAVE US MORE OF A WILL TO WIN. AND WE PROVED THAT WITH OUR WINS. OTHER TIMES TEAMS THAT WE COULD HAVE EASILY PLAYED WITH BEAT US THATS BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT "SPARK IN OUR EYES" AS DUSKEY PUT IT.

THIS YEAR WILL BE A MEMORABLE ONE FOR THE SOCCER PLAYERS BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS BECAUSE WE ARE LOSING "THE FOUNDATION" OF OUR HOUSE CHUCK DUSKEY. DUSKEY IS LEAVING TO GO TO IOWA. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BUT WHAT IS DONE IS DONE. AND IN CONCLUSION I'LL SAY THIS WITHOUT ALL OUR GOALIES, PLAYERS, COACHES AND SPECTATORS SOCCER WOULDN'T BE ENJOYABLE. WE HAD A YEAR OF SOCCER THAT NONE OF US WILL FORGET, FROM MR. GOODCENTS TO ICE CREAM AT DAIRY QUEEN WILL BE MEMORIES WE WILL ALL CARRY WITH US.



SIDELINE MAN

COACH CHUCK DUSKEY GOES OVER SOME LAST-MINUTE STRATEGY BEFORE THE GAME. THIS WAS DUSKEY'S LAST YEAR COACHING AT CENTER AFTER SIX YEARS. PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



GOAL

SOPHOMORES SHANNON DRUMMOND, KATIE PICKETT AND ABBY HEFFERNAN, JUNIOR AMANDA CORBIN AND SENIOR LINDSEY WEAVER RUN DOWN FIELD AFTER A GOAL. BALL CONTROL WAS ESSENTIAL IN MAKING GOALS.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

READY FOR TAKE OFF

SOPHOMORE ABBY HEFFERNAN CONCENTRATES ON MAKING A PERFECT PASS. PASSING THE BALL SOMETIMES LED TO BREAKAWAYS AND GOALS.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



FACE-OFF

JUNIORS AUDREY YOUNG AND AUBREE YEISLEY GO ONE-ON-ONE WITH EACH OTHER FOR PRACTICE BEFORE A GAME. WARM-UPS BEFORE GAMES WERE IMPORTANT TO HELP IMPROVE PERFORMANCE ON THE FIELD.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

A Moment In Time

dancin'

THE NIGHT AWAY

CHOW DOWN!

STUDENTS EAT THEIR EXQUISITE DINNER DURING A PICNIC AT LOOSE PARK. HAVING A PICNIC WAS AN ORIGINAL WAY TO HAVE AN EXCITING DINNER PRIOR TO PROM. PHOTO BY AMY CARR

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Bow Down

JUNIOR SPONSOR JAN EVANS CROWNS THE NEW SENIOR PROM QUEEN GINA SOLDI. BEING CHOSEN AS QUEEN WAS AN HONOR SINCE THE WINNER WAS CHOSEN BY PEERS.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

GETTIN' DOWN

STUDENTS GROOVE TO THE BEAT ON THE CROWDED DANCE FLOOR AT ARROWHEAD CLUB. EVEN THOUGH THE DANCE FLOOR WAS MINIMAL, STUDENTS STILL HAD FUN WITH THEIR FRIENDS. PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



GROOVIN'

SENIORS DARRIN STONE AND CRYSTAL MACINTOSH DANCE TO THE MUSIC DURING PROM 2000. PROM WAS NOT ONLY FOR DANCING, IT WAS ALSO A TIME TO SHOW OFF THE LATEST FASHIONS. PHOTO BY AMY CARR



TWIRL'N IT

JUNIOR MELISSA EBBERTS WORKS QUICKLY TO DECORATE FOR PROM. ALTHOUGH THE JUNIORS PLAN PROM, THEY ALSO GET TO ENJOY IT.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

PARTY PLANNIN'

JUNIORS TIARA WEATHERSBY AND JOANNA DORIA MAKE POSTERS AND DISCUSS FINAL PLANS FOR PROM. BOTH PLANING AND FUND-RAISING WAS A VITAL PART TO MAKE PROM A REALITY.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



PARTY TIME

JUNIOR DESTINY WATKINS AND HER COUSIN, EBONY MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE BALL ROOM AFTER MUCH PREPARATION. PICKING OUT A DRESS AND ACCESSORIES OFTEN TOOK A LOT OF PLANNING.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



Seniors

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Spandin

THE LAST DAYS OF HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER

You Go Girls!

SENIORS WHO SOLD THEIR SOULS TO UNDERCLASSMEN FOR A DAY, PAY THE PRICE WHILE MAKING FOOLS OF THEMSELVES IN FRONT OF A CLASS. THE AUCTION HELPED TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE SENIOR CLASS GIFT.

PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

LEAVIN' AN IMPRESSION

SENIOR AMY JOHNSON MAKES THE CLASS OF 2000 STAND OUT BY LEAVING THE CLASS MARK ON THE WALL FOR ALL TO SEE. THE SENIOR CLASS CARRIED ON THE TRADITION OF LEAVING HAND PRINTS ON THE WALL.

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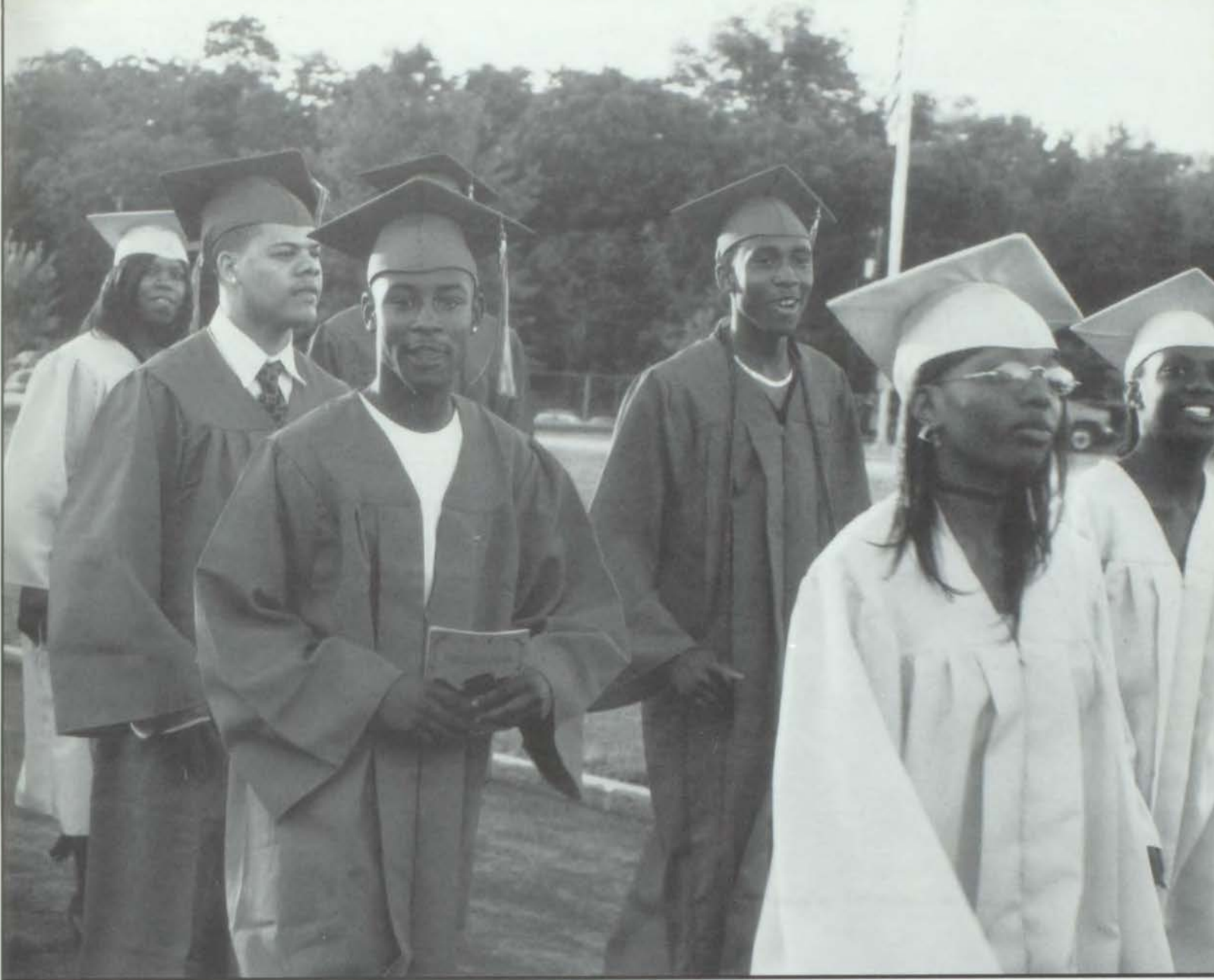


CHOW DOWN

SENIORS HAVE THEIR FINAL MEAL IN THE CAFETERIA AT THE SENIOR BREAKFAST. THIS TRADITIONAL MEAL GAVE THE SENIORS A CHANCE TO DINE ONE LAST TIME WITH CLASSMATES.

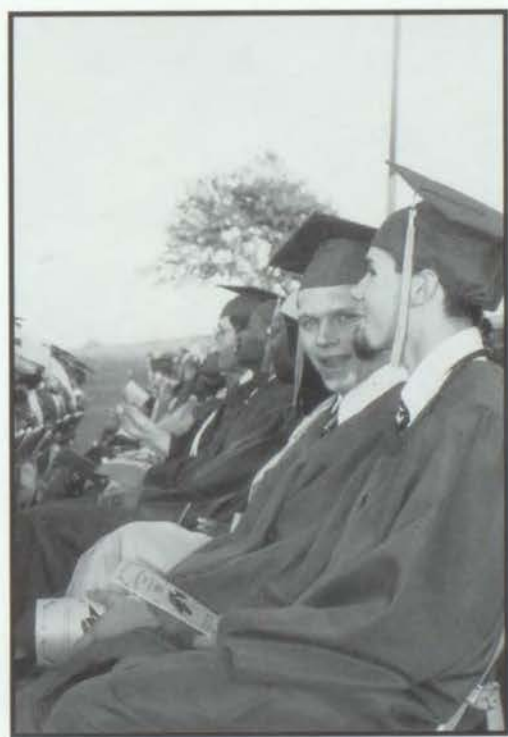
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JUMPIN' OFF

SENIOR SHANNON HEFFERNAN GIVES A SPEECH ABOUT JUMPING INTO THE REAL WORLD AT BACCALAUREATE. SPEECHES WERE GIVEN TO GIVE THE SENIORS A WORD OF WISDOM PRIOR TO GRADUATION.
PHOTO BY AMY CARR



WALKIN' THE TRACK

SENIORS TAKE THEIR FINAL WALK TOWARD THE STAGE AS THEY PREPARE FOR GRADUATION. AFTER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOL, THE FINAL DAY HAD ARRIVED.
PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND

FINAL MOMENTS

SENIORS LEIF WISDAHL AND BRIAN WORTS SPEND THE LAST FEW MOMENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL ANTICIPATING RECEIVING THEIR DIPLOMA. SENIORS WERE EXCITED TO HAVE THE FINAL WEIGHT LIFTED OFF THEIR SHOULDERS AT GRADUATION.
PHOTO BY AMBER GILLILAND



SING IT!

SALUTATORIAN ERIN ANDERSEN GAVE A UNIQUE SPEECH DURING GRADUATION BY SINGING BITS AND PIECES OF HER ORATORY.

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HATS OFF

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2000 TOSSES THEIR HATS IN THE AIR TO COMPLETE THE FINAL SAGA. THE TRADITIONAL 'THROWING OF THE HATS' ALWAYS CAUSE ARGUMENTS OF HAT BELONGS TO WHO.

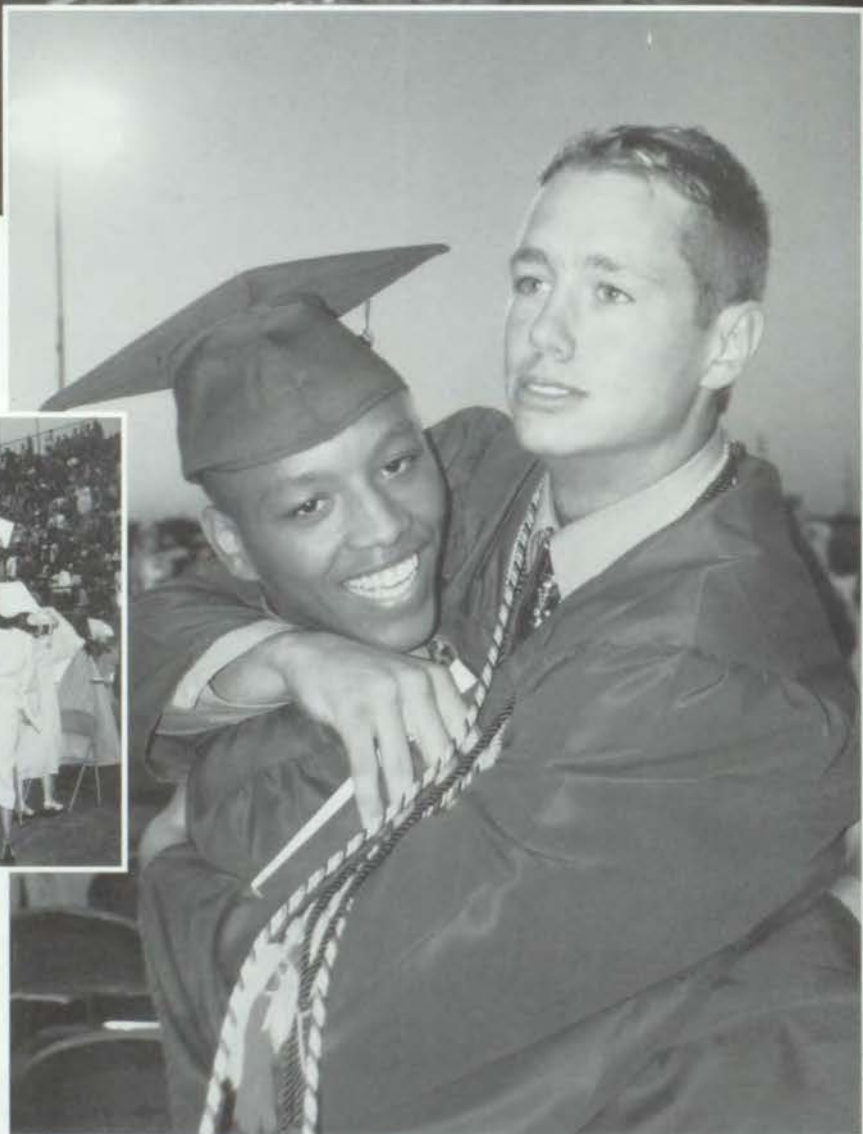
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FEELIN' THE LOVE

COLLEGE FRESHMEN QUINTIN RANDLE AND MATTHEW DAGGET FEEL THE LOVE AFTER GRADUATING. DURING THEIR SENIOR YEAR MANY LIFE LONG FRIENDSHIPS WERE MADE.

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Saying Good-Bye...

Seniors

TURN TO NEXT CHAPTER



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CLASS OF 2000

VALEDICTORIAN • CLIFF JUAN
SALUTATORIAN • ERIN ANDERSEN



FINAL GOOD-BYES

SENIOR PEGGY JOY GIVES HISTORY TEACHER BETH HEIDE A HUG AFTER RECEIVING HER DIPLOMA. MANY TEACHERS MADE BIG IMPACTS ON STUDENTS' LIVES DURING THE FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL.

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BINGO!

DURING PROJECT GRADUATION, A GAME OF BINGO WAS PLAYED TO GIVE GRADUATES A CHANCE TO WIN SOME EXTRA CASH. PROJECT GRADUATION PROVIDE A SAFE ATMOSPHERE FOR GRADUATES TO PARTY.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



LIVE IN CONCERT

NEW GRADUATE JASON CURRY PERFORMS KARAOKE DURING PROJECT GRAD, HELD SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATION CEREMONIES. MANY ACTIVITIES MADE THE SENIORS' LAST NIGHT WITH FRIENDS ENJOYABLE.

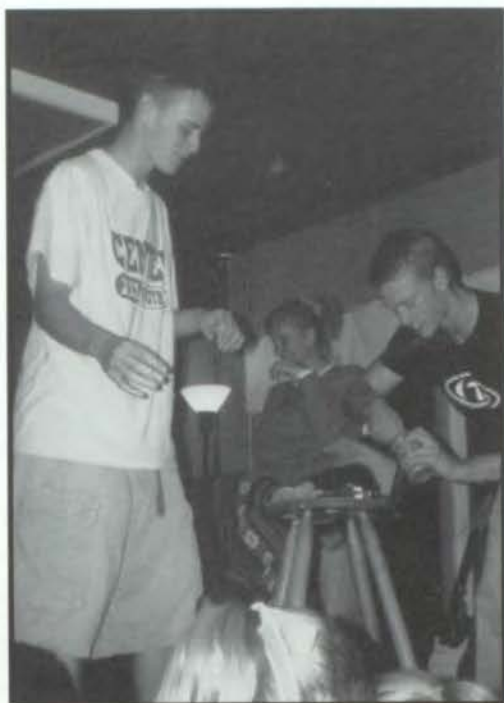
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Students from Red Bridge sit in silence as they watch the high school Greasers perform "Greased Lightning". The high-school drama department performed scenes from the musical at Indian Creek and Red Bridge

Photo By Audrey Young

a time to help



Junior Logan Gillespie makes a SPAM, saurkraut, chocolate syrup, pickle, peanut butter sandwich for Senior Jeff Peak to eat during a skit at a Monday-night Young Life meeting. As many as 120 Center students packed the tan house located in colonial Presbyterian Church parking lot.

Photo Donated By Lauren Hamilton



Key Club hosted their first Children's Fair, to celebrate Youth Service Day. These wide-eyed tots learned about safety and emergency situations through coloring books and literature.

Photo By Amy Carr



A horde of Center students stampede the newly-named bookstore, "The BUZZ Stop". Students were able to purchase snacks, school supplies and the most fashionable school apparel at the store.

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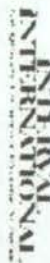
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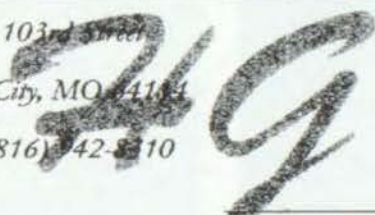
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"IN ALL THY WAYS, ACKNOWLEDGE GOD AND HE WILL DIRECT THY PATH". WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF YOU.

CONGRATULATIONS!

LOVE,
DAD, KELVIN '96, AND MOM

HAYNES



Gina



Dearest Gina,
We watched you learn to walk, run, swim, dance, ride bikes, and drive the car. We encouraged you to stand tall, dance for joy, ride out the hard times, and drive yourself on, when you felt tempted to give up. We waited when you climbed off the school bus and we'll be waiting when you return home from college. Always remember how much you are loved - for you are a beautiful, special person! We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Jason





Joe Carr

Do I finally
get to
graduate???!!!

*From your loving
Grandma and Grandpa*

F A T I M A



Congratulations for successfully completing this phase of your life. We are blessed to have you and we are proud of you. We wish you the best during your college years. Go out there and take over. Make your dreams come true and don't forget that we are there for you.

**Felicitaciones
T
Dios
Te
Bendiga
We Love You!**

Mom, Dad, Diana, Cecilia,
Laura and Mariu



Fatima Gonzalez

Angela

Angela Clardy

You will always be the most important thing in the world to me. I am so very proud of you. I love you very much.

**Love,
Mom**



D E R E K



Derek Ewing

Congratulations!

We are very proud of you. You have brought us much joy. Stay in God's light always.

**Love Always,
Mom and Dad**

AMY



I have watched you greet the world with wide eyed wonder and enthusiasm. You've always had your own sense of flair and style. You're always ready to meet a challenge, listen to different ideas and try new things. I've loved seeing you grow and mature. You've always had my unconditional love.

Te Quiero Mucho, Amalia (Amy)
xxoo Mom



Amy Mitchell

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GINA SOLDI, ANANDA
BAUCOM AND
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**HOLD ON
TO THE MEMORIES!**

**LOVE,
DEBI AND DEBBIE**



Lindsey Weaver



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REMEMBER, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE OUR LITTLE "B.B."

LOVE,
MOM AND DAD



John Milone



YOU DID IT AND ARE NOW A PROUD PART OF THE CLASS OF 2000 AND THE NEW MILLENNIUM! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU. THE FUTURE IS YOURS TO HOLD. YOUR FAMILY LOVES YOU VERY MUCH AND WILL MISS YOU SO VERY MUCH AS YOU GO TO COLLEGE.



John

**Congratulations
Buddy!**



WE WISH YOU ALL THE HAPPINESS IN THE WORLD AND ARE BEHIND YOU AS YOU FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS IN LIFE. STAY FOCUSED AND BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. YOU ARE THE JOY OF OUR HEARTS.

ALL OUR LOVE,
DAD, MOM, RICKY AND GINA



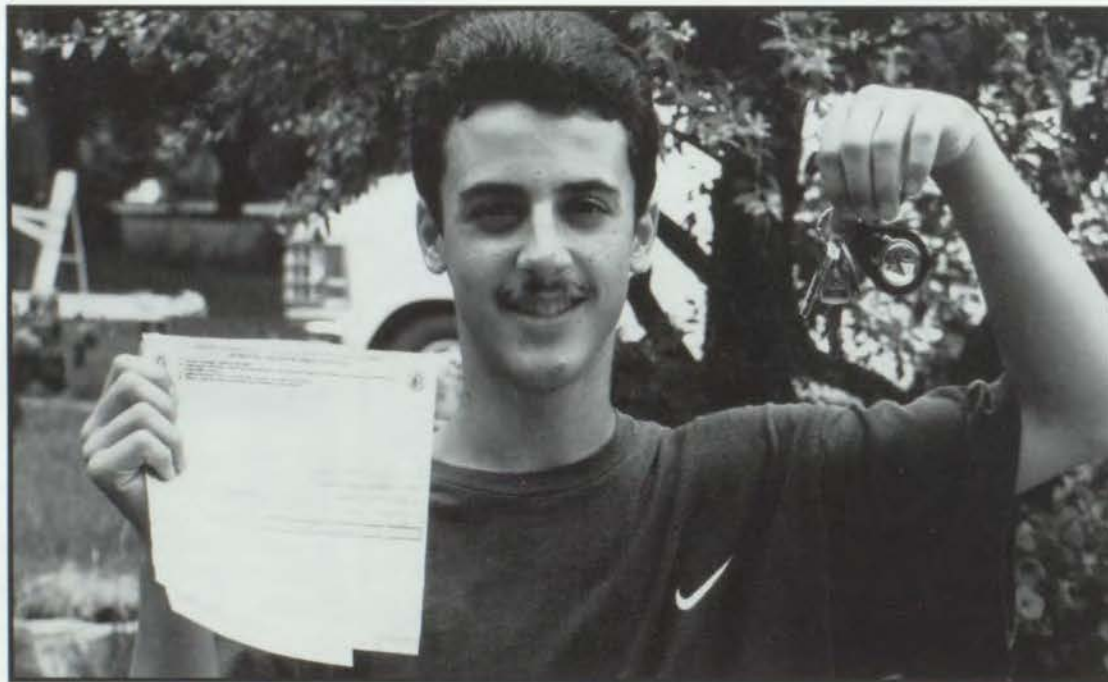
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Joe Carr

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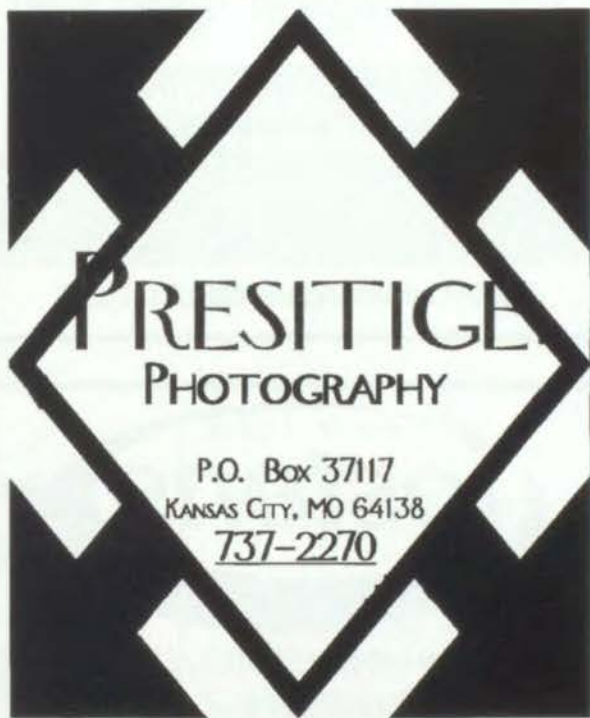


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My first love,
Momma



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Lynsey Whatever

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Cuando tu nacistes nacio otra flor en mi pequen'o jardin, pero lo que nunca imagine que esa flor se me iria tan pronto a estudiar en los E.E.U.U.

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Sigue adelante que lo que tu te propones lo logras. Quien te quiere, te ama y te venera, soy tu fan perfecta tu mom

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Maria,

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We are proud of you. Good luck, much love and God Bless You.
Mom, Dad, Eric and Paul



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Congratulations on your graduation. We will remember your debut 18 short years ago. Our "little" Scotty is now a graduate of the Class of 2000!!

Let's Celebrate!

Much Love,
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You are the joy of our lives. We are proud of your courage and strength. You can do whatever you want to do when Christ is the center of your life.
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We love you and are very proud of you, also.
Love,
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I don't tell you often enough, but you make me so proud. Always keep Christ first and you'll never fail.

I love you!

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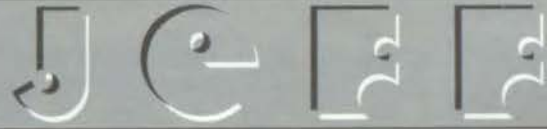
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With love, he knows
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he glows.
And so with God -
he goes...

TE AMO
Mama and Papa



You are a wonderful gift from God, full of excitement, enthusiasm and joy. Thanks for being such a responsible, caring and wise young man who's touched our lives with your gift of laughter. You know how to bring out the best in people with your contagious smile! Keep Christ in your heart and a smile on your face and your future will be bright. Congratulations!

We love you! Dad, Mom,
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Zachary

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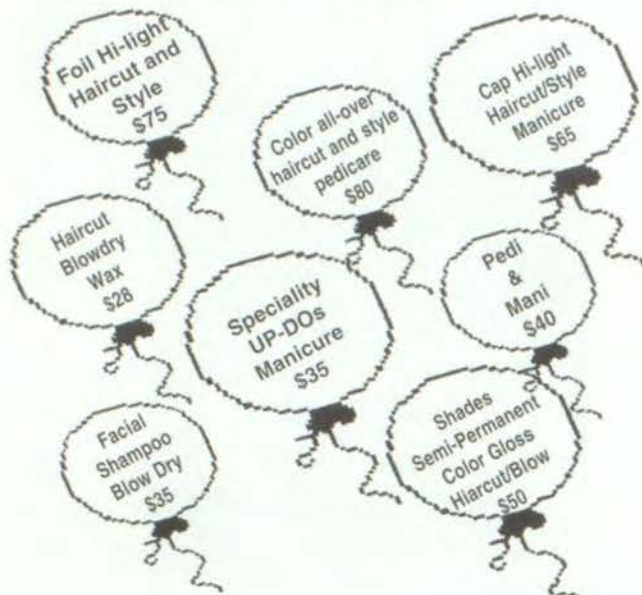
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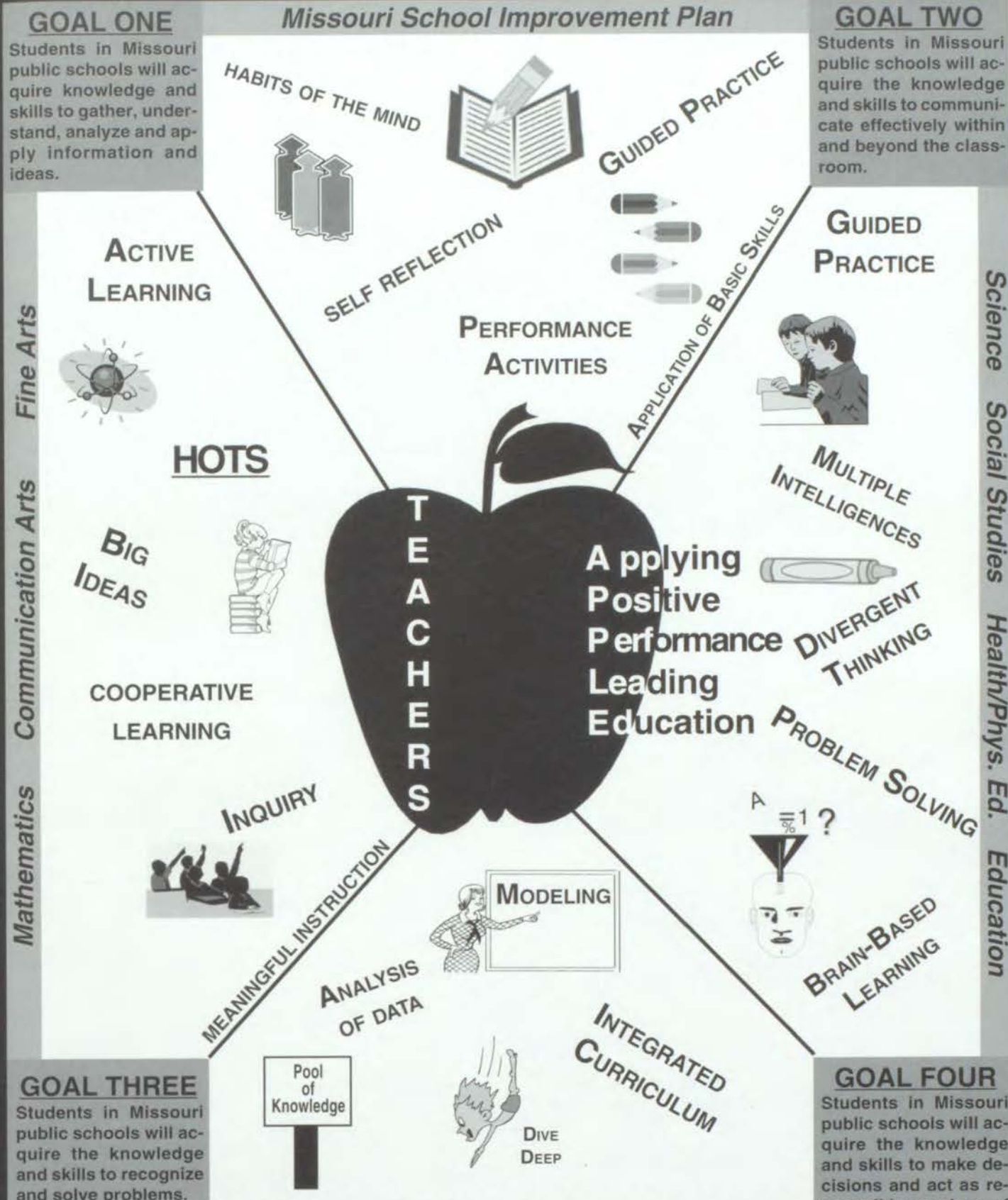
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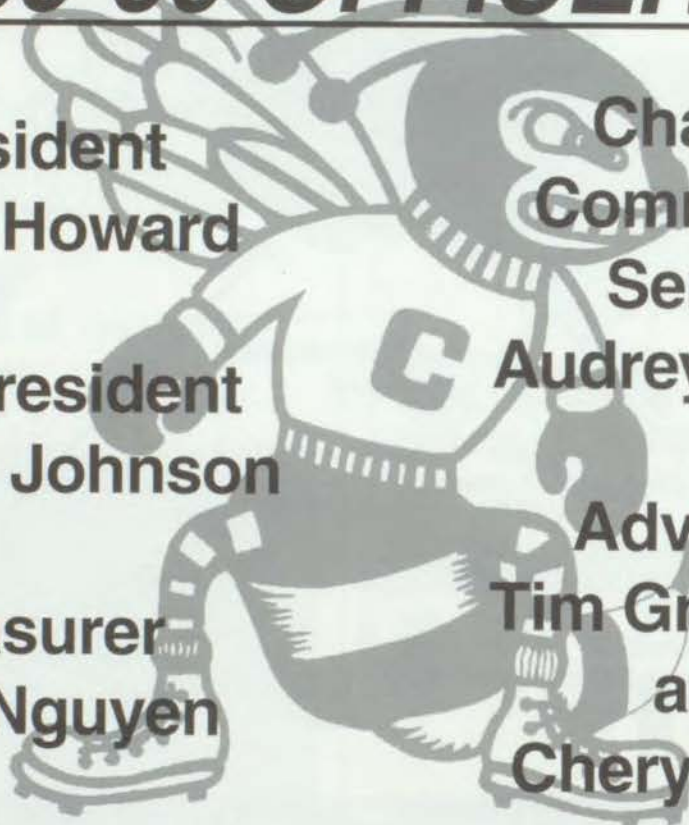
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To Every Season...

**To Everything (Turn, Turn, Turn)
There is a season (Turn, Turn, Turn)
And a time for every purpose, under Heaven**

JUNIOR MELISSA EBBERTS COMES SCREAMING DOWN A TUNNEL OF CHS STUDENTS, SHOWING HER EXCITEMENT FOR THE MUCH-ANTICIPATED VOLLEYBALL GAME. GAMES GAVE TEAM MEMBERS A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF THEIR SPIRIT FOR THEIR TEAM AS WELL AS THEIR SCHOOL.

PHOTO BY CARRIE HOWARD

**A time to be born,
A time to die,
A time to plant,
A time to reap,
A time to kill,
A time to heal,**



**A time to be laugh,
A time to weep,
A time to break down,
A time to build up,
A time to dance,
A time to mourn,
A time to cast away stones,
A time to gather stones together,**



JUNIORS AARON SCHAD AND LUCAS WALLINGFORD CARRY SOPHOMORE LORA MIDDUM AS SHE HOLDS ON FOR DEAR LIFE. STUDENTS ALWAYS FOUND TIME TO PLAY AROUND WHEN SOMEWHERE, SOMETHING ELSE A LITTLE MORE IMPORTANT SHOULD HAVE BEEN GETTING DONE.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR

SENIOR ELIZABETH CONNOR AND SOPHOMORE DONNELL RICKER GET DOWN AND DIRTY AT THE COURTWARMING DANCE. COURTWARMING PROVED TO BE A CELEBRATION — ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO WERE HONORED ENOUGH TO BE CHOSEN BY THEIR CLASS TO REPRESENT THEM IN THE ROYALTY COURT.

PHOTO BY AMY CARR



**A time of love,
A time of hate,
A time of war,
A time of peace,
A time you may embrace,
A time to refrain from embracing
A time to gain,
A time to lose
A time to rend,
A time to sew,**



SENIORS JOEY BRAKE, JEFF PEAK, JASON CURRY, NEIL CORRISTON AND DALLAS HULL FACE A CAFETERIA FULL OF LAUGHING, SCREAMING STUDENTS WHO HAVE THEIR ATTENTION ON ONE PLACE — THEM. SENIORS OFFERED THEMSELVES TO THE REST OF THE STUDENTS AS SLAVES, ALL FOR THE SAKE OF MONEY AND FUN.

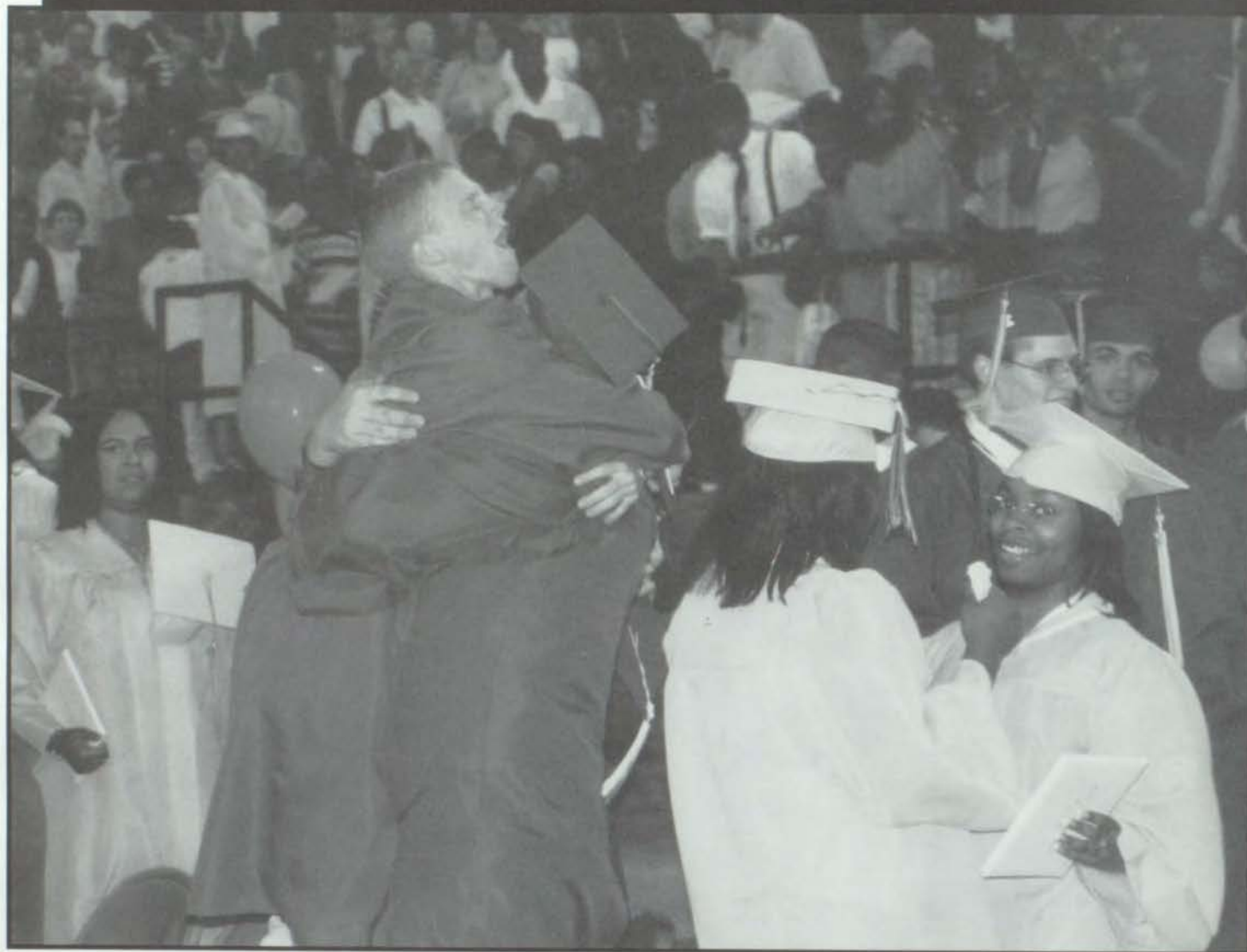
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**A time to love,
A time to hate
A time for peace,
I swear it's not too late...**

Turn...

Book of Ecclesiastes • King James Version
Music By Pete Seeger

To everything, there is a season....



a time for good-bye....

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Music



World



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Science



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World News



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As part of Rome's continuing restoration, the city unveils a plan to create an 18,000-square-yard rambling space connecting the Imperial Forums with the Roman Forum.

EgyptAir Flight 990 crashes into the Atlantic Ocean on October 31, killing all 217 people on board. Although suspicious actions of a pilot are under scrutiny by American and Egyptian officials, the cause of the crash remains a mystery.



Reuters/STB/Outline Photos

On October 12, the world's official population hits 6 billion. The designated 6 billionth human is a baby boy born in Sarajevo.



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In September, more than 300,000 Japanese are checked for radiation exposure after an inadvertent nuclear reaction at a uranium processing plant.



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Nearly a million ethnic Albanians flee Yugoslavia and thousands are killed after Serbs begin a violent ethnic cleansing campaign in 1998. Seventy-eight days of NATO bombing bring the war to an end in June. An international tribunal later charges Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic with crimes against humanity.

In an October coup, the Pakistani army dismisses elected Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his government after Sharif announces the removal of his powerful military chief, General Pervez Musharraf.



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Flash

Britain's Prince Edward marries longtime girlfriend Sophie Rhys-Jones on June 19.

Cuban Elian Gonzalez, 6, becomes the center of a bitter citizenship debate after surviving a November boat wreck off the Florida coast in which his mother dies.

In a violent October coup, gunmen storm the Armenian Parliament and assassinate Prime Minister Vazgen Sarkisian and six other top officials.

In India, two trains collide head-on in August, killing 285 people and injuring more than 300. It is one of the worst train disasters in the country's history.



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In June, Thabo Mbeki succeeds President Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first democratically elected president.

Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" is unveiled in June after 21 years of restoration. The centimeter-by-centimeter rehabilitation cost \$7.7 million and involved electronic microscopes.



Laszlo Agency



In September, Russia begins a military campaign against Chechen nationalists to regain control of the breakaway republic. More than 200,000 people flee the region, but a fierce rebel resistance stays to fight for control of the capital, Grozny.



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After almost nine years in power, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announces his resignation in January 2000. Yeltsin names Prime Minister Vladimir Putin acting president pending elections in March.



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In September and October, powerful earthquakes strike around the globe, killing 15,000 people in Turkey, 1,450 in Taiwan and at least 122 in Greece.



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Archaeologists excavate 105 mummies in a 2,000-year-old underground Egyptian tomb believed to contain a total of 10,000 mummies. The necropolis will shed new light on the Greco-Roman era and will allow scholars to chart demographic data and the incidence of disease.



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Flash

A tropical depression producing heavy rain hits Mexico in November. The resulting floods kill more than 350 people and cause 100,000 to evacuate.

In August, the U.S. pays \$4.5 million to victims of NATO's accidental bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade. Three Chinese are killed and 27 are wounded in the May 1999 bombing.



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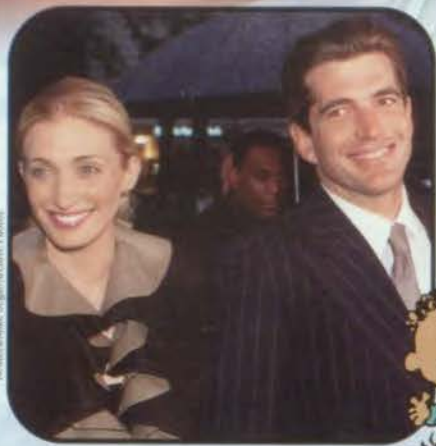
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On December 31, the U.S. returns control of the Panama Canal to Panama. Opened to the world in 1914, the canal is considered one of the greatest construction achievements in American history.

In December, torrential rains cause Venezuela's worst natural disaster of the century. Mudslides and flash floods kill up to 30,000 people, while damage estimates run into the billions of dollars.

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National News



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In July, John F. Kennedy Jr., 38, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, 34, die in an airplane crash in the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard. Kennedy, a relatively inexperienced pilot, is believed to have become disoriented in heavy fog.

Cartoonist Charles M. Schulz retires in January 2000, bringing an end to PEANUTS, America's most popular comic strip for almost 50 years. Schulz dies in February, the night before his last strip runs in the national newspapers.



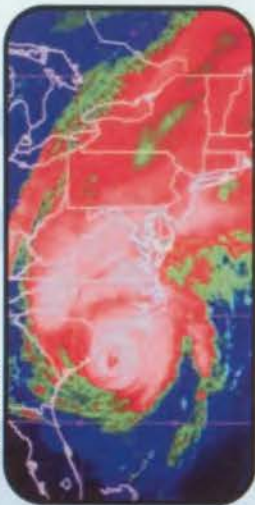
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As a way to boost tourism, Chicago displays 301 life-size, fiberglass cows decorated by local artists. The public art exhibit lasts all summer until the cows are auctioned for charity.



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Hurricane Floyd strikes the East Coast in September, killing 51 people and destroying over 4,000 homes. North Carolina is hardest hit with total damages estimated at a record \$6 billion.



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Lewis and Clark's Native American guide Sacagawea is featured on a new gold-colored dollar coin released into circulation in early 2000.

The drought of 1999 causes severe damage to Northeastern and mid-Atlantic farms. Several states impose mandatory water use restrictions and emergency federal loans are made available in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.



Beginning in 1999, the U.S. Mint releases specially designed state quarters, the first five representing Connecticut, Georgia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. By 2008, each state will have its own quarter.

Flash

In August, a rare tornado strikes downtown Salt Lake City. Winds up to 112 miles per hour make it Utah's second-worst tornado in history.

In July, Air Force Colonel Eileen Collins, 42, becomes the first woman to command a U.S. space shuttle mission.



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President Clinton announces the removal of the American bald eagle from the endangered species list. In 1999, there are over 5,800 breeding pairs, an increase from 417 in 1963.



Dave McInerney/Physic College Station English/Chris Sygna

In November, a 60-foot log tower collapses at Texas A&M University, killing 12 students and injuring 27. The tower was to be burned at a traditional bonfire pep rally.

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In November, protesters at the World Trade Organization (WTO) summit in Seattle provoke a show of force by local, state and federal officers. Protesters blame the WTO for eroding human rights and labor and environmental standards.



Ron Garrison, San Diego Zoo/Reuters/Archives Photos

In August, a female panda is born at the San Diego Zoo. Hua Mei, which can mean "China USA" or "Splendid Beauty," is the first panda born in the Western Hemisphere in nearly a decade.



1-800-4MY-TEEN

A bumper sticker invites drivers to call a toll-free number to report reckless driving. Officials hope the system will help parents stay informed about their teenagers' driving habits.

On April 20, 1999, the nation mourns after two students go on a shooting rampage at Columbine High School in Colorado, wounding 23 and killing 15, including themselves. Schools across the country take extensive security measures to ensure the safety of students and staff.



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An epidemic of rampage shootings intensifies America's growing concern over gun control. Many state legislatures pass new gun-control measures despite nationwide controversy over restrictions vs. Second Amendment rights.



Timothy C. Stapp

In an effort to ease the burden on the traditional courts, most states now offer teen court for juvenile offenders. After determining guilt, a jury of teens along with a judge decides the sentence, typically community service and financial restitution.



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Despite 30 years of official denial, in December a jury finds the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was the result of a conspiracy, not the act of a lone gunman.

Flash

In the first such admission by a cigarette manufacturer, Philip Morris publicly concedes tobacco is addictive and can cause serious diseases.

Hillary Clinton announces her candidacy for a U.S. Senate seat from New York. As law requires, Clinton establishes New York residency in suburban Chappaqua.



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In September, Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates and his wife Melinda announce the creation of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program. The Gateses will donate \$1 billion over the next 20 years to finance scholarships for minority college students.

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Science News



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In August, NASA releases photos from the Chandra X-ray orbiting telescope of a hot cloud of gas from a star that exploded more than three centuries ago. The telescope took 23 years and \$1 billion to develop.

FEELit technology allows users to experience computer technology through their mouse. Users can "feel" buttons, text, the weight of a stuffed desktop folder and the groove of a scroll bar.



Immersion Corporation

Fifteen-year-old Amber Ramirez undergoes surgery in which half of her brain is removed to stop the spread of a rare neurological disease. Doctors hope the remaining portion of Ramirez's brain will compensate for the removed tissue.



Lincoln Journal Star



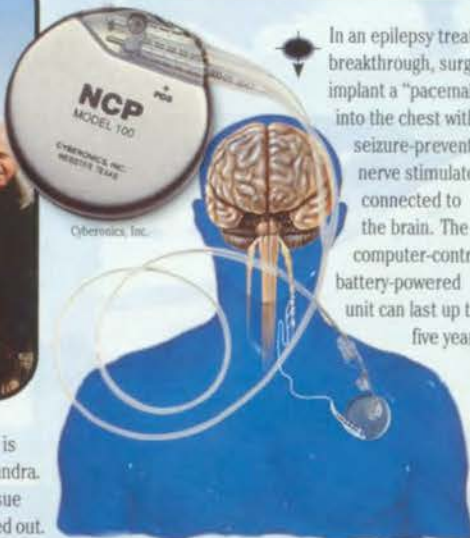
Courtesy of Dallas Semiconductor

The Java Ring contains a computer chip providing electronic access into buildings for students. Eventually the ring could be used as a library card, digital wallet, electronic ID and authentication for students' online homework.



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The body of a 23,000-year-old woolly mammoth is discovered in October frozen in the Russian tundra. Study of the preserved fur, organs and soft tissue could unlock the mystery of why the species died out.



Cybernetics, Inc.

Cybernetics, Inc.

In an epilepsy treatment breakthrough, surgeons implant a "pacemaker" into the chest with a seizure-preventing nerve stimulator connected to the brain. The computer-controlled, battery-powered unit can last up to five years.

Flash

Researchers announce in July the creation of a cancerous human cell by genetically altering a normal one. This significant breakthrough is an important step toward developing drugs that could potentially wipe out cancer.

In December, IBM announces a \$100 million research initiative to build a supercomputer 500 times more powerful than current models.



Callahan/SIPA Photos Researchers

In August, U.S. surgeons begin using computer-enhanced robotic technology for heart bypass surgery. Because the chest cavity is never opened, this technique reduces pain and shortens recovery time.



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On August 11, the last total solar eclipse of the millennium crosses the globe. Thousands of people from Canada to India experience daytime darkness during which the moon completely covers the sun.

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Parents, with help from their doctor, select the gender of their baby using a technique called MicroSort, which separates X-bearing (female-determining) and Y-bearing (male-determining) sperm. The success rate is about 92 percent for females and 69 percent for males.



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Researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital reveal in July that they have successfully regenerated the central nervous system of lab rats with severed spinal cords. Applications for human paralysis treatment are very encouraging.



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The jawbones of two kangaroo-sized dinosaurs are discovered in Madagascar in October. Dated to the early Triassic period, 230 million years ago, the bones could be the oldest dinosaur fossils ever found.



A new board game, Infection, hits stores in July. Fun and educational, players race around the board catching diseases, described in detail, and trying to be cured.

In October, Sea Launch Company, a multi-national consortium, launches the first commercial satellite into space from a floating platform in the Pacific Ocean. Boeing is a major partner in the venture, along with companies in Russia, Ukraine and Norway.



Boeing Media

In October, biologists isolate one of the enzymes that sets Alzheimer's disease in motion. This scientific discovery will lead to new treatments and, possibly, a cure. Over 4 million Americans, including former President Ronald Reagan, are living with the disease.



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Flash

In June, scientists announce the creation of two new elements. The nucleus of new, super-heavy element 118 decays into element 116 within a millisecond.

Scientists studying Albert Einstein's preserved brain report it has unique characteristics. The region governing mathematical ability and spatial reasoning is significantly larger than normal.



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Researchers report they have successfully altered the learning and memory behavior of mice by inserting a gene into their brains. This genetic-engineering breakthrough may be helpful in treating human learning disorders and Alzheimer's disease.



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To mark the 30th anniversary of the first moon landing, astronaut Neil Armstrong's lunar footprint is featured on a 1999 postage stamp.

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Lifestyle News



Cosmetic companies increasingly use entertainment celebrities instead of models for their advertisements. Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Jennifer Lopez and Shania Twain are among the celebs who appear in ads.

The fashion accessory of 1999 goes by many names – power beads, mood beads and prayer beads. Many sellers claim the beads boost tranquility, energy, creativity and intelligence.



Jan Spasiter

Airlines begin installing elaborate in-flight entertainment systems that allow passengers to watch movies, play computer games, listen to music, read headlines or browse the Internet.



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With the huge increase in cell phones, many cities enact laws restricting their use while driving. Restaurants and theaters are also requiring patrons to turn phones off as a courtesy to others.



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In August, a Levi Strauss & Co. megastore opens in San Francisco. The store features a hot tub where shoppers can soak in their jeans for the perfect fit and a computer-scanning system to help customers get the right size.



A continuation of the cargo pants trend, messenger bags with pockets galore hang at the hips of teens everywhere.



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Apple Computer introduces its new iBook laptop in September. The super-slim, neon-colored units follow the highly successful launch of the translucent iMac desktop.

Flash

In December, Honda introduces Insight, a car that combines a conventional gasoline engine with a small electric motor, decreases ozone and carbon dioxide emissions and gets 80 mpg.

Several companies offer "digital wallets" for teens who want to shop online but don't have credit cards. Parents deposit money into an online account; then teens can spend the money at designated Web sites.



Courtesy Aromapharmacy

A new line of scented candles called Aromapharmacy comes in amber glass containers and looks like prescription drug bottles with creative names such as Ritalert, Cramprin and Valiumello.

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Reuters/Comcast Magazine/Archie Photos

Wireless Web access becomes a reality in September when Sprint PCS announces the first nationwide wireless data service. Shortly thereafter, several other providers debut similar service for hand-held Web phones.



Dodge Photos Inc./Andrew Remant

Shawls and wraps show up everywhere in the fashion world. Hollywood celebrities like Salma Hayek sport the fashion trend in all colors and fabrics.

Inline skaters can now power themselves along with the new Roller Cycle Personal Power Accelerator featuring a 1.5-hp-driven wheel. An optional spiked rubber tire for traction makes it also possible to use while cross-country skiing.



Roller Cycle



A Gap TV advertisement for vests starts a trend across America that has teenagers wearing the fashionable sleeveless jackets.

Several rappers start their own clothing lines, making hip-hop wear big business. Popular artist labels include FUBU, Roc-A-Wear, Phat Farm, Wu Wear, Sean John and X-Large.



Stretchy nylon jewelry that looks like skin tattoos is a big hit in 1999. The nylon bands are worn around necks, wrists, arms and ankles, and come in several colors.

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Kenan Rothstein/PPG, Inc.

Flash

Teenagers need an average of nine hours and 15 minutes of sleep a night, according to research at Brown University's Bradley Hospital. The study also shows a direct correlation between school grades and duration of sleep.

An influx of dot-com companies advertise on television. Ads during the Super Bowl sell for an average of \$2.2 million per 30-second commercial.



Courtesy Magellan Corporation

Magellan, a satellite navigation system for motorists, offers complete U.S. mapping data, voice and visual instructions in seven languages, turn-by-turn directions and a library of points of interest.



California Prune Board

A growing number of U.S. school cafeterias offer pruneburgers, a healthy low-fat combination of hamburger and prune puree. Other prune items in the works include hot dogs, pizza sauce, barbecue sauce and gingerbread cookies.

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▲ *The Sixth Sense* with Bruce Willis and Haley Joel Osment is the No. 1 box office hit for five consecutive weekends in the summer.



▲ Video game fans snap up a record 15,000 copies of Sega's highly anticipated Dreamcast system in the first 24 hours after its launch in September.



▲ ABC's summer fill-in quiz show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," with host Regis Philbin, returns in November and is a huge hit with viewers. By January 2000, several major networks launch quiz shows of their own.



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▲ After 19 nominations, Susan Lucci finally wins an Emmy Award for best actress in a daytime drama series for her role as Erica Kane on the ABC soap opera "All My Children."



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▲ *The Blair Witch Project*, the year's surprise movie hit, is the documentary-style footage of three students lost in the Maryland woods and threatened by the presumed Blair Witch. The film costs \$100,000 to make and grosses \$140 million.

▲ Launched in January 1999, MTV's "The Tom Green Show" becomes one of the season's most popular shows. The Canadian host's bizarre man-on-the-street pranks are the show's main attraction.



Andrew Branno/Corbis Outlines

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Tom Hanks and Tim Allen return as the voices of Woody and Buzz Lightyear in the animated feature *Toy Story 2*. The sequel breaks box-office records during its Thanksgiving release and wins a Golden Globe award.

In a botched stunt, WWF wrestler Owen Hart falls from the rafters at Kemper Arena and dies in front of 16,300 fans.



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▲ Jennifer Love Hewitt leaves "Party of Five" to star in her own Fox television drama, "Time of Your Life." The show focuses on Hewitt's character trying to make it in New York while searching for her biological father.

▲ In June, Mike Myers' sequel *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* proves to be a bigger hit than the 1997 original. Dr. Evil's alter ego Mini-Me is extremely popular even though he has no lines.

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Essential Corporation of America, Inc.

The new arcade game *Guitar Freaks* features two guitar controllers and a screen to help players follow along to popular songs.



Photo: [unreadable]

In December, actor Jim Carrey portrays zany comedian Andy Kaufman in *Man on the Moon*. Carrey wins a Golden Globe award for his performance.



Photo: [unreadable]

American Beauty, starring Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening and Thora Birch, captures the Golden Globe Best Drama Award. The dark satire of suburbia and family dysfunction receives a total of six Golden Globe nominations.



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Set in 1980, the critically acclaimed NBC show "*Freaks and Geeks*" follows two groups of teens trying to make their way through high school.

The long-awaited prequel *Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace* hits theaters in May 1999, taking in a record-breaking \$28.5 million on its opening day and going on to gross more than \$420 million.



Photo: [unreadable]



Six Flags Great Adventure

Medusa, the world's first floorless roller coaster, opens in August at Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey. The 4,000-foot, toe-dangling ride has enough drops, loops, rolls and corkscrews to thrill every rider.



AP/Wide World Photos

In September, the New Roc City entertainment center opens in New York. The complex includes an amusement park ride on the roof, two skating rinks, 19 movie screens, restaurants, an arcade, a health club, a supermarket and a hotel.

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Michael J. Fox announces in January 2000 he will leave the popular ABC sitcom "*Spin City*" at the end of the season to promote awareness of Parkinson's disease in hopes of finding a cure.

After 10 seasons, Fox cancels the hit show "*Beverly Hills, 90210*." The show followed characters through high school, college and careers.



The Everett Collection

The Talented Mr. Ripley, starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett, opens in December and earns popular and critical praise.

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Music News



Entertainment Weekly Photo:Robert Thomas

Released in June, Santana's *Supernatural* shoots up the *Billboard* album chart, sells over 6 million copies, and earns 10 Grammy nominations.

U.S. sales of music by Latin artists shoot up 48 percent in the first quarter of 1999 thanks to artists such as Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez, Enrique Iglesias and Marc Anthony.



Superstar Mariah Carey releases *Rainbow* in November and begins a world tour in February 2000. Carey is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Decade and is awarded the distinguished American Music Award of Achievement.



AP/Wide World Photos/Laura Raab

Britney Spears' album *...Baby One More Time* is the second-best-selling album of 1999, earning Spears the *Billboard* Music Awards Female and New Artist of the Year Awards.



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Limp Bizkit leads the way in the resurgence of rock music, along with Kid Rock and Korn. In September, MTV showcases the trend by airing "1999: Return of the Rock," which examines the history and future of rock music.

Saturday Night Live: The Musical Performances Volumes 1 and 2 are released in September. The CDs feature 30 of the 600 musical acts that have appeared on SNL over the past 25 years.



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Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and the Dixie Chicks are a few musicians who rock Central Park in a first-ever trimulcast concert seen and heard on the radio, television and Internet.

More than 1 million viewers tune in each weekday to vote on their favorite videos on MTV's "Total Request Live" with host Carson Daly and popular musical guests.



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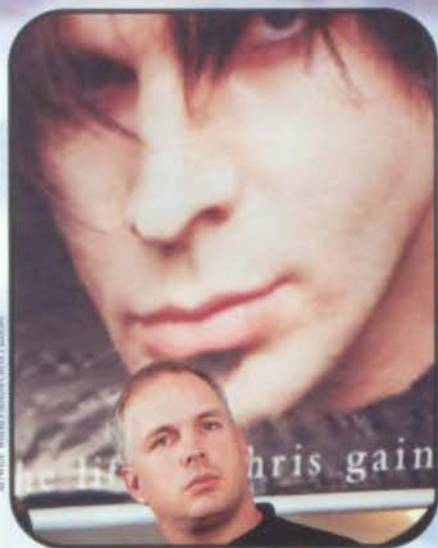
Backstreet Boys' *Millennium* wins the *Billboard* Music Awards Album of the Year and becomes the best-selling album of the year with over 10 million copies sold.

Computer games feature big music stars on their soundtracks. Sheryl Crow contributes her talent to the *Tomorrow Never Dies* soundtrack, Metallica to *Hot Wheels Turbo Racing* and Naughty by Nature to *NBA Live 2000*.



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In a strange twist, Garth Brooks releases the album *The Life of Chris Gaines* in which he pretends to be a fictional rock star. Gaines will be the main character in a movie called *The Lamb*, currently in development.

Lisa Brueckler/Photo



Lou Bega's rhythmic "Mambo No. 5" hits the Top 40 in August after selling 2 million copies overseas and topping the chart in 15 countries.



"NetAid," a concert dedicated to relieve hunger and poverty, airs live in October on MTV, VH1, the BBC, as well as radio stations in 120 nations, making it the widest-heard musical performance in history.



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MP3, technology that compresses sound into a very small file, becomes a popular alternative to the CD. MP3 files are downloaded from the Internet onto computers or portable player units, making it possible to take a personal music selection anywhere.



Shania Twain becomes the first woman since 1986 to win the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year Award at the 33rd annual awards show.

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VH1's "Concert of the Century" spotlights the importance of music education in schools. The all-star show includes Lenny Kravitz, Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and B.B. King, as well as high-profile actors.

AP/Wide World Photos

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After a successful New Year's Eve reunion performance, the Judds begin their first tour in almost 10 years in February 2000. Since they disbanded in 1991, Naomi has recovered from Hepatitis C.

Best New Artist Grammy nominee Christina Aguilera gives an exciting performance during the Super Bowl XXXIV halftime show.



Fiona Apple releases her long-awaited second album to rave reviews in November and begins a tour in February 2000. The album features a 90-word title, which is commonly shortened to *When the Pawn*.



AP/Wide World Photos

Ricky Martin takes the music industry by storm after his show-stopping performance at the 1999 Grammy Awards show. Martin's first chart-topping single, "Livin' la Vida Loca," helps him win the *Billboard* Music Award for Male Artist of the Year.

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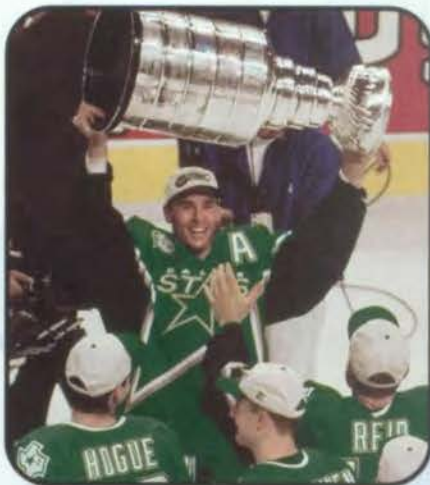
David Cone of the New York Yankees pitches a perfect game against the Montreal Expos in July. Cone's feat is the 14th perfect game in modern baseball history.

Lance Armstrong wins the 1999 Tour de France in July. Armstrong, who survived a three-year battle with testicular cancer, becomes the second American to win the event.



William Stross/Citibank Agency

The Dallas Stars beat the Buffalo Sabres 2-1 in triple overtime to win the 1999 Stanley Cup championship, four games to two.



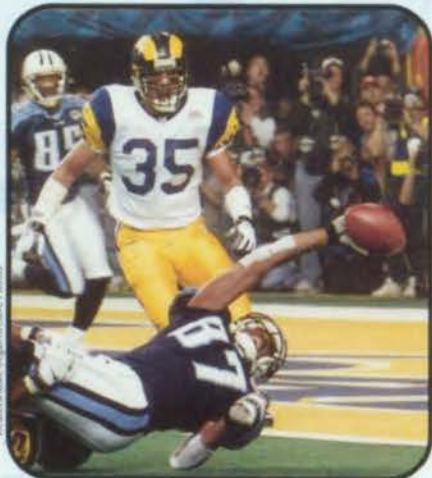
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Golf champion

Payne Stewart is killed in a bizarre airplane accident in October. After the airplane's takeoff from Florida, an apparent loss of cabin pressure incapacitates everyone aboard. The aircraft flies on autopilot for four hours until it runs out of fuel and crashes in South Dakota.



Rusty Jarrett/Allsport



Bettmann/Chris Sponzo/Getty Images

The St. Louis Rams stop the Tennessee Titans at the 1-yard line on a final play to save their 23-16 Super Bowl XXXIV victory.



AP/Wide World Photos

In September, tennis phenom Serena Williams, 17, overpowers Martina Hingis to win the 1999 U.S. Open title.

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Both Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders and German tennis star Steffi Graf announce their retirement in 1999.

On February 7, 2000, Tiger Woods wins his sixth consecutive PGA Tour event, tying Ben Hogan's 1948 winning record.



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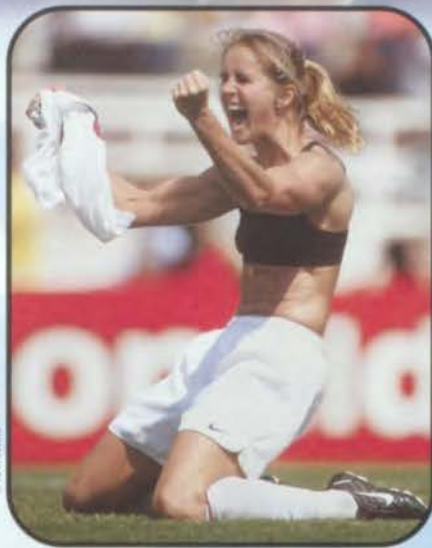
The Houston Comets earn their third straight WNBA championship in September, beating the New York Liberty 59-47 to win in three straight games.



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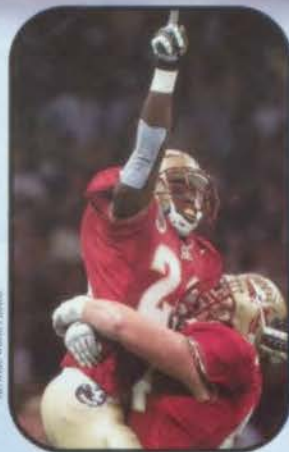
Dale Jarrett wins the 1999 NASCAR Winston Cup championship after a four-victory season.

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In July, the U.S. women's soccer team wins the 1999 World Cup by beating China 5-4 in penalty kicks following a 0-0 tie. More than 90,000 fans attend at the Rose Bowl and another 40 million watch on television.



AP/Wide World Photos

Travis Pastrana, 15, wins the gold medal in the X Games' inaugural Moto X freestyle motocross event. The fifth year of this ESPN-sponsored competition is held in San Francisco in June and July.

In the January 2000 Sugar Bowl, No. 1 Florida State beats No. 2 Virginia Tech 46-29 to capture the National Championship.



AP/Wide World Photos

Andre Agassi wins the French Open in June and becomes the fifth man ever to complete a career Grand Slam. Agassi goes on to win the U.S. Open in September.



AP/Wide World Photos/Charles Krupa



AP/Wide World Photos

The New York Yankees win the 1999 World Series in a four-game sweep against the Atlanta Braves.



AP/Wide World Photos

In June, the San Antonio Spurs win their first NBA championship by defeating the New York Knicks four games to one.



AP/Wide World Photos

The U.S. team beats the European team to win golf's Ryder Cup at Brookline, Massachusetts, in September. The American's stirring comeback is marred by unruly galleries and a premature victory celebration.

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In July, many major league baseball umpires announce their resignation as a labor protest. The strategy backfires when owners accept the resignations and in September, 22 umpires lose their jobs.

In January 2000, Michael Jordan returns to pro basketball as part owner and President for Basketball Operations of the NBA's Washington Wizards.



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Twenty-year professional hockey veteran Wayne Gretzky announces his retirement in April 1999 after setting or tying 61 records. Two months later, "The Great One" is inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

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Millennium



⬇ Clock Tower
Ottawa, Canada

⬇ Pyramids
Cairo, Egypt

⬇ Times Square
New York City,
New York



As time zones welcome the new millennium on January 1, the world celebrates with grandeur, pageantry and spectacular fireworks. President Clinton gives a hopeful speech in the minutes before midnight at the Washington Monument, and 2 million people gather in Times Square to watch the specially built 1,000-pound Waterford crystal ball drop at midnight.



⬇ The Eiffel Tower
Paris, France

⬇ Space Needle
Seattle, Washington



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The public and private sectors spend hundreds of millions of dollars to ward off the Y2K bug. The world lets out a sigh of relief after midnight strikes and no major computer malfunctions occur.

The FBI warns of possible terrorist acts on New Year's Eve and stays on national alert throughout the celebration. After the arrest of one man with bomb-making materials, Seattle decides to cancel its Space Needle celebration.



⬇ Fearing the collapse of the world's banks, utilities and transportation systems, thousands of people stock up on food, water, money, ammunition and generators. After midnight, it soon becomes apparent that the preparations were unnecessary.



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⬇ A surprising number of people, appalled by the exorbitant costs of travel and events, decide to stay home on New Year's Eve. Many companies and performers drastically slash prices as a last-minute lure.





